

OTTAWA JEWISH BULLETIN & REVIEW

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Jewish Community Council of Ottawa
Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir

Reports of Standing Committees and Affiliated Organizations

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Everyone is welcome to attend.

Towards A Just Peace In The Middle East

1) Why did Israel move into Lebanon?

Israel moved against PLO-occupied areas in southern Lebanon to protect the lives of its citizens from relentless attacks on civilian centres launched from PLO bases and strongholds. It took this initiative after repeated calls to the international community for effective action against PLO terrorism went unheeded. Israel asks only that in the wake of the July 11 ceasefire, a Lebanese government or peacekeeping force guarantee that the region cease to serve as a launching ground for aggression against Israel.

2) Is Israel's action in accordance with international law?

Israel's action was undertaken in self-defense and according to international law, which proclaims the right — indeed the responsibility — of states to protect the right to national life and safety of their citizens.

Lebanon, virtually occupied since 1976 by Syria and the PLO, has become a victim of Syria's territorial ambitions and the PLO's terrorist behaviour. As long as Lebanon is unwilling to — or incapable of — controlling the activities of the PLO, which is openly committed to the destruction of Israel — Israel must protect its people.

3) How has the PLO threatened Israel?

People may have forgotten the slaughter of innocents:

*Munich 1972: the massacre of Israeli athletes.
Maalot 1974: the murder of Israeli schoolchildren.
Tel Aviv 1978: the killing of Israeli bus passengers.*

Indeed, since the creation of the PLO's "state within a state" in Lebanon, it has threatened Israeli citizens through rocket and artillery attacks, and terrorist infiltration from Lebanon and Jordan. It has planted bombs in schools, marketplaces, bus depots and synagogues in Israel, while continuing attacks against Lebanese Christians, moderate Palestinians, and Israeli and Jewish targets around the world.

This is not surprising, since the PLO Covenant — ignored by the international community — calls openly and avowedly for the destruction of Israel.

The assassination of an Israeli diplomat in Paris in March, the attempted assassination of Israel's ambassador to Britain on June 3, the threatened assassination of more Israeli diplomats and Jewish leaders, and the subsequent massive, unprecedented shelling of 23 Israeli settlements were but the latest provocations in a long chain of over 100 ceasefire violations by the PLO.

4) Aren't civilians being killed as a result of Israel's actions?

Civilian losses as a result of military action are regrettable, tragic — but unavoidable. Civilians have been hurt on both sides of this conflict. But there are differences: Israel expresses regret at the loss of civilian lives in its attacks on military targets; the PLO directs its attacks exclusively against civilian targets. Israel seeks to remove the PLO from firing range of its settlements so as to protect its citizens; the PLO callously and intentionally places its headquarters in the heart of civilian concentrations so as to endanger innocent people.

The agony of civilian losses has long been a part of Lebanon's history. 70,000 Lebanese were killed in the 1975-76 civil war — fuelled by the presence of PLO terrorists, and Syrian assaults on Lebanese Moslems and Christians alike.

Truckloads of Israeli medical and technical supplies, as well as food, are currently enroute to Lebanon to alleviate the suffering of civilians caught in the fighting.

5) What is Syria doing in Lebanon?

Syria took advantage of the 1975-76 Lebanese civil war to enter the country of civilians caught in the fighting under the guise of an "Arab Deterrent Force," thus realizing its dream of incorporating Lebanon into "Greater Syria" and converting Lebanon into a confrontation base. Prior to the outbreak of hostilities, some 30,000 Syrian troops occupied 45% of Lebanon's territory. The PLO occupied an additional 15%. From there, Syria and the PLO, backed by the Soviet Union, spearheaded the Arab rejectionists' drive against the Egypt-Israel peace treaty and the Camp David Accords.

The PLO, with Syria's backing, has transformed Lebanon into a training and co-ordination centre for international terrorist organizations. Since the mid-1970's, approximately 10,000 terrorists from around the world have been trained in PLO camps in Lebanon and other Soviet-backed Arab states.

Although Israel openly declared its desire to refrain from military engagement with Syrian troops, Syria attacked Israeli forces, thereby broadening hostilities. If Syria observes the ceasefire, further armed conflict will be avoided.

6) What eventual solution can there be for Lebanon?

The new reality in Lebanon offers a unique opportunity to restore the territorial integrity and political independence of that country and to strengthen the forces of moderation and stability in the Middle East, thereby removing the causes of the present conflict.

Israel has stated that it will withdraw its troops from Lebanon once the security of its north is assured and the destabilizing, destructive terrorist presence in southern Lebanon is removed. Israel looks to the international community for such political assurances and for decisive action against terrorism wherever it occurs. Leniency towards terrorism encourages its perpetrators; action against terrorism protects civilized values and human dignity.

7) What is the interest of Canada's government and people in the current Lebanese situation?

In our opinion, Israel's action serves stated Canadian interests in the Middle East: support for Israel's right to a secure existence, free from threats or acts of force; support for continued progress of the Camp David Accords; opposition to international terrorism; and support for the territorial integrity of Lebanon.

Canadians should therefore understand the systematic pattern of aggression that required Israel to act; they should oppose proposals for international sanctions against Israel since such moves only serve to reward PLO and Syrian aggression; they should support diplomatic efforts to ensure that there shall be no base or sanctuary for PLO terrorism anywhere; and they should seize the political potential contained in the current situation to move assertively and positively towards peace in the Middle East.

**The Canadian-Israel Committee
on behalf of the
Jewish Community of Canada**



President's Report

Joseph Lief

Action in Lebanon

I write this report against the background of Israel's move against P.L.O.-occupied areas in Lebanon. Israel had no choice. Ever since the P.L.O. established itself in that country, it has shelled towns in Northern Israel and has mounted terrorist operations against Israeli and Jewish civilian targets around the world. The P.L.O. has become not only a danger to Israel but a scourge to Lebanon and a source of instability and terror everywhere.

Instead of condemning what Israel has done, Canada should lend its support to measures which will prevent the re-establishment of terrorism in Southern Lebanon and bring about the restoration of Lebanon's sovereignty in that country. After Israel withdraws, Canada can assist in the formation of a peace-keeping force. This is in Canada's national interest and the best traditions of our foreign policy.

This is the position being advanced by the Canada-Israel Committee and one which we support. Tell your friends and neighbors. Write to the Prime Minister and to your Member of Parliament. Israel needs all the help she can get.

There are two other things you can do to show your solidarity. The first is to make your U.J.A. pledge if you have not done so already. The second is to pay it now. Don't wait. Every day counts.

It has been a busy year. In the twelve months since I took office, hardly a week goes by that there isn't some sort of mini-crisis to resolve or meeting to attend. This is a very active community and the Jewish Community Council plays a decisive role in its organizational and institutional life.

I shall resist the temptation of dealing with all of the areas which fall within the Vaad's purview since the essentials are already covered by the Chairmen of our operating committees whose reports are contained in this Special Edition of the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin. Nevertheless, there are a few points I would like to stress. They are as follows:

Planning and Budgeting

Year III of the integrated planning and budgeting system we introduced in the fall of 1979 went according to plan. Basically, the process makes the agencies and institutions in our community active partners in planning, budgeting and priorities setting. It has helped develop closer inter-agency co-operation and better understanding.

The structure calls for a Planning, Priorities and Budgeting Committee with two Panels, one on Jewish Education and the other on Individual and Group Services. Beneficiaries sit on these Panels as do representatives of the community-at-large. Together they deal with programs and budgets. The object is to avoid overlapping and duplication and respond to community needs in the most cost-efficient manner possible.

At this point, the Panels have completed their examination of agency needs for the fiscal year beginning July 1 and the next step will be to bring their recommendations to the Central Committee. From there, the proposals will go to the Executive Committee and ultimately to the Board of Trustees for approval.

This year, we began to take a look at long-range planning and decided that we have to begin to

deal more convincingly with the entire subject. A special committee has been appointed to define the framework and get on with the job.

Joint Vaad-Hillel Task Force

One of the best things we have done in a long time is to set up a Joint Council-Home for the Aged Task Force on Future Directions for Hillel Lodge. It was triggered by a mounting accumulated deficit and a need to re-define Hillel's role in the community for the next five to ten years.

The Task Force addressed these issues in depth over a nine-month period and its report will be tabled at the Annual Meeting on June 23. I have had an advance look at the document and can tell you that the exercise was extremely worthwhile.

It brought to light some of the problems which have surfaced as a result of longer life spans, the demand for more nursing and supportive care and the spiralling costs of such services. The review concludes with a series of recommendations which will help Hillel Lodge carry out its mandate more effectively than ever.

Jewish Education

Jewish education continues to be the number one priority on our communal agenda and I think you will agree that we are well served. At the moment, we have the Hillel Academy Day School, the Talmud Torah Afternoon School, the Ottawa Modern Jewish School, the Temple Israel Religious School and the Star of David Hebrew School who are beneficiary agencies of our central campaign.

Discussions were held to explore the possibility of integrating Hillel Academy and Ecole Maimonides, but after four meetings, we concluded that there was no basis to continue discussions. After serious consideration the Board of Trustees felt it had to turn down the application of Ecole Maimonides for beneficiary agency status.

Hillel Academy had its share of problems too including the resignation of its Director of Education, a teachers' strike and a dispute between some parents and the Board. This took countless hours and much heartache. Fortunately most of these problems have now been resolved or are on the way to being resolved.

The teachers' strike was settled and a new Director of Education will take up his position in August. A new administration has taken over and the school has emerged as a stronger and more effective educational instrument than ever before.

Like everything else these days, budgets keep growing. And as they do, so do tuition fees and communal subsidies. I must say, however, that all the schools have been most co-operative in their approach to cost-cutting and fee-setting. We are moving towards the principle of full cost fee recovery and a time when the community's obligation will be limited essentially to those who require financial assistance. I take my hat off to those parents who want their children to get the best Jewish education possible and are willing to sacrifice to do so.

United Jewish Appeal

The United Jewish Appeal occupies the major part of the year's activities. The process begins with the appointment of a General Chairman directly after a new administration takes office. It con-

tinues until the campaign is wound up twelve months later. Organizing the campaign is a big job which requires the development of a campaign plan, the recruitment and training of hundreds of volunteers, canvassing, record-keeping, follow-up and finally, collections. Cash flow is a continuing problem for our beneficiaries and we must be on top of our receivables at all times.

All things being considered, the 1982 Campaign has done well. Thanks to a concerned effort over the past number of years, the base of giving has been enlarged and increasing numbers of donors in the professional and managerial classes are assuming their fair share of the obligation. If the United Jewish Appeal is to continue to grow, this development must be encouraged and expanded. We can no longer depend on a handful of donors to give the bulk of the money each year since time and economic factors have taken their toll. The responsibility must be shared more equitably. Services cost money and those who use them or may want to use them at some time in the future, have to be prepared to pay for them.

Having said all that about the future, I come back to the 1982

Campaign and must express some concern that we still have half-a-million dollars to go before we reach our objective. I commend the General Chairman and his associates for their outstanding performance and know they will leave no stone unturned in order to reach their goal.

Canadian Jewish Congress

I am pleased to be able to report that during the course of the year, the negotiations which we had been conducting with Canadian Jewish Congress were finally resolved. As a result, we are now receiving a grant for services which will help to pay for such Congress-related programs as Soviet Jewry, Holocaust, Community Relations and the like. We are also to be given a new status as the National Capital District of Congress while, at the same time, retaining our ties with the Ontario Region in Toronto.

I conclude by expressing my appreciation to the Officers, Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees and the staff of the Council. I have enjoyed working with all of them and believe that together, we have made some modest contribution towards the enhancement of Jewish life in Ottawa.



Shalom Welcome Service

Chuck and Bonnie Merovitz, Co-Chairmen

The Shalom Welcome Service, now in its sixth year, enjoyed an active year. Many new volunteers were involved this year, many of whom had themselves been welcomed by the Service. Over sixty families were contacted this year by the committee.

The function of the service is firstly to give a warm welcome to newcomers to our community and secondly to acquaint the newcomers with the many organizations and activities available within the Ottawa Jewish Community and within Ottawa itself. It is felt that a properly informed and welcomed family or individual will integrate faster and better into the Jewish Community.

The committee operated in the following manner. Once the Service was made aware of the existence of a newcomer, a volunteer living in the area would contact and arrange a visit with the

newcomer. The volunteer would answer the newcomers' questions concerning Ottawa and bring a bottle of wine.

In April, a very successful wine and cheese reception was held at the Jewish Community Centre. Approximately one-hundred people attended the event. The newcomers included people from across Canada as well as from Israel and the Soviet Union. The reception was a success due to the endeavours of Noa Heilman and the many volunteer workers.

The service has proven itself to be worthwhile as many people are pleasantly surprised to learn of the existence and functions of this committee. It is beneficial to both the volunteers and newcomers as friendships are often the result of the initial contact. The welcome that a newcomer receives leaves him with the impression that we are a warm and open Jewish Community.



Jewish Community Council Officers for 1981-82

An Overview

Hy Hochberg, Executive Vice-President

The mandate of the Jewish Community Council makes it the central, planning, co-ordinating and fund-raising body in the Jewish Community. It is that and more since it must also act as the collective voice of the community, be its representative with respect to its local and national relationships and co-ordinate the activities of the organizations and institutions which exist in the community without infringing on their autonomy. The Vaad operates by consensus with day-to-day responsibilities vested in the officers and professional staff. Policy is determined by the Executive Committee and the broadly-based Board of Trustees.

From an administrative and planning point of view, the year under review produced a number of significant results. Our President has dealt with some of them in his report. I would like to touch on a few more in mine.

Programmatically, the Council carries out its responsibilities through eighteen separate committees. Each has a chairman or co-chairmen and members. Staff plays an important supporting role but volunteer participation is central to their effectiveness. Fortunately, this community has many able and talented people who give a great deal of time freely and willingly. That is the source of our strength and our ability to get things done.

From July, 1981 to June, 1982, the Executive Committee met eleven times and the Board of Trustees met six times. Over one hundred committee meetings were also convened during that period. The planning and preparation for meetings, the minute-taking and the follow-up and implementation of decisions represents a large share of our staff work load.

Not much goes on in the Jewish community that does not somehow involve the Council or its many-faceted operations. Our network of agencies and institutions are separate and autonomous bodies. But none can function without reference to each other through the planning mechanism we have established or without subsidies from the central campaign. Happily, the system works though not without its stresses and strains and on several occasions, the Vaad had to assume the role of mediator. Organizational loyalties are strong as indeed they should be. But when it comes down to the crunch, we are able to work together as a community in a way which makes us the envy of other cities in North America.

A number of senior staff changes have taken place in our community this year. Larry Szpirglas left to take a new post in New York and was replaced by Ron Boro as Executive Director of the Jewish Community Centre. Howard Goldberg was promoted to Director of Campaign Services for the United Jewish Appeal. Sam Asher, who was our Social Planning and Campaign Associate, moved on to Kansas City and was succeeded by Jerry Solomon, former Program Director of the Centre in Windsor. Rabbi Yaakov Kaploun leaves shortly for Westchester County and will be replaced by Dr. Richard Wagner of Washington.

Changes in personnel have also meant a re-examination of purpose and structure. We are not content to sit back and do things the same old way. The community is a living and changing organism and we must be responsive to new conditions and new perceptions.

Answers have to be found to a whole range of short and long-range problems and we have addressed them in a variety of ways. The Joint Vaad-Hillel Task Force is one example. The Community Afternoon High School Study Committee is a second. The Sub-Panel on Services to the Elderly is a third. The Computer Feasibility Study is a fourth and so on. By this fall, we also hope to re-activate a Community Facilities Study which has been stalled for too long. It takes vision and courage to move ahead but we have the leadership to get started and the staying power to get the job done.

United Jewish Appeal

The United Jewish Appeal continues to be our number one concern. Nothing works without money and money is becoming more difficult to get in the current economic climate. Everyone needs more just to stand still. There is little fat in the budgets of our local agencies. Israel is a story in itself. You can trim only so much: the next thing you have to do is cut into the muscle and sinew of programs and services.

No one wants that to happen but if costs continue to rise and campaign income remains static, there will be little choice. Major gifts have traditionally made up a large part of the campaign in this and every other community we know. When we lose one, it hurts. If we do not make it up, we are in trouble. We have been lucky so far, but we would be on firmer ground if the base were widened and the dependency on the few at the top were lessened. Fortunately, we are making progress but it is a slow and painful process. Milton Friedman, the economist, once said that "there is no such thing as a free lunch." There are no short cuts. If we need more, everyone has to give more. Our challenge is to find the key.

Community Relations

In my judgement, community relations should occupy a high priority on our communal agenda. Like it or not, we live in a world in which the case for Israel and for Jews has to be made every day, the world is filled with prejudice, misunderstanding and ignorance. We need friends and alliances. We need to educate our own Jewish community almost as much as the general community. We need to help our young people on campus, provide information, monitor the media, respond to questions. In short, a myriad of tasks need doing which demand time and expertise. As I see it, this work will become more important than ever in the days ahead.

There are excellent national resources we can draw on including the Canada-Israel Committee, the National Community Relations Committee of Congress and B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights. We also have good people in our own community who are sensitive to the issues and are willing to give as much volunteer time as they can spare. But we may be fooling ourselves if we think we can assign minimal staff time and expect to get the job done. Our Community Relations Committee has raised the issue with our Executive and we are looking into the matter. If we can re-order our thinking, we may be able to combine several functions and come up with enough of a budget to warrant engaging additional help.

National
The Ottawa Jewish Community is represented on a number of national bodies including the United



Israel Appeal of Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, the National Budgeting Conference, the Canada-Israel Committee and the Council of Jewish Federations. Our delegates have acquitted themselves well at regional and national gatherings. It should also be stated that we maintain ongoing communication with all of the national groups mentioned and are plugged in to their current programs and services.

Bulletin

In the interests of brevity, this report must be limited. Nevertheless, I have to mention the real contribution to the concept of community which is made by our bi-weekly publication, the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin. It has virtually eliminated the many individual

pieces of mail of years ago and is viewed as the most important medium of communication in the community today. Because of budgetary considerations it has its limits, but it does get out and our surveys tell us it is being read. A number of improvements have been introduced; more are on the drawing board for this fall.

Conclusion

It has been a demanding year on our lay leaders and our staff but there is also a sense of satisfaction in what we have accomplished. I want to express my appreciation to the President, Officers and Board of Trustees for their encouragement and co-operation and to my colleagues on the Council staff for their loyal and devoted services.



Planning Priorities and Budgeting

Alfred Friedman, Chairman

The formation of the Planning, Priorities & Budget Committee last fall is a continuation of the new integrated planning, budget and allocations system developed over the past two years. In brief, it ensures that information is produced before and not after the fact.

Last fall, the Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee set guidelines for the 1982-83 budgeting cycle. Essentially they called for base budgets of 92.5% of the 1981-82 allocation. Agencies could also submit supplementary requests for program packages of \$5,000 each. These guidelines were relayed to the Panels on Jewish Education and Individual and Group Services which met through the fall of 1981 and winter of 1982. Their objective was to gain an understanding of programs and needs and then review beneficiary agency budgets in light of projected results from the 1982 UJA Campaign.

In the process, the panels have fostered inter-agency planning and programming. Information has been shared in regard to resource development, personnel practices and curriculum and program development.

The modified budgeting system which we introduced last year has assisted the agencies in trimming their budgets and clearly defining their basic program priorities. At

the same time, the system gives the Council the opportunity to have input into the program planning and priority-setting of each agency based on the Vaad's broader community perspective.

At this writing, the two Panels have completed their review of agency requirements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1982 and have passed on their recommendations to the Central Committee. From there, the consolidated recommendation will go to the Executive and Board of Trustees for approval.

As a matter of interest, it should be noted that in the fiscal year July 1, 1981 to June 30, 1982, just over \$2,000,000 was available for distribution to beneficiaries. Of this amount 50.8% was allocated to the United Jewish Appeal; 7.3% for National Agencies in Canada; 39.2% for local community services; and 2.5% for the accumulated deficit. Of the local share, Jewish education received 50%; cultural and recreational agencies 31%; and communal and social services 17%. The final campaign figure for 1982-83 is not yet available.

I wish to thank members of my committee and members of the Planning and Budgeting Panels for their diligent application to the responsibilities with which they were entrusted.



The General Chairman
and Campaign Committee
of the
1982 United Jewish Appeal
express their appreciation
to each and every contributor
for his/her generosity and support.



United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa

Jack Krane, General Chairman

The 1982 United Jewish Appeal Campaign has seen an intensive effort put forth to reach the goal of \$2.5 million established as the minimum amount required to fund our local needs and the international share of the social welfare programs which the Jewish Agency operates in Israel on behalf of world Jewry.

The statistics report for June 15 shows that we have received \$1,803,000. In pledges so far. These same cards produced \$1,693,000. In 1981. On a card-for-card comparison, we are running 6.5% ahead. Considering the economic climate, this must be considered a respectable showing. If we maintain that pace, we will come close to our objective. If we don't reach it, I will be disappointed because I am convinced that our community has the capacity to raise that and more.

We were well-organized and managed to involve people from all segments of the community. We backed up our Campaign by a full month, in an effort to be able to close by the end of June. There is no question in my mind that the earlier start enables workers to complete their canvassing before the summer sets in.

Structurally, the Campaign was divided into eight major groupings each headed by an Associate Chairman. They were Lorry Greenberg for Major Donors; Norman Potechin for Special Names; Rose Taylor for Women's Division; Carl Rosen for Public Service Division; Ben Karp, Nap Kapinsky, Irving Rivers, Stephen Victor, and Abe Engel for the Business and Professional Divisions; Simone Goldberg for the Young People's Division; Sheila and Larry Hartman for Super Sunday; Ben Greenberg for Walkathon; and Merida Sachs for Publicity and Worker Training. Each had their divisional chairmen and campaign cabinets. Together, they made a formidable team which, at its peak, had several hundred canvassers involved in the process. Space does not permit me to list all of their names here but I wish to thank them collectively for the important part they played in the success of our drive.

A ten-day Mission to Israel left Ottawa on November 29. I have found that Missions are extremely important ingredients in our Campaign. They are effective instruments for significantly increased giving and should be expanded in future to include couples, families and young people. The eighteen participants on our Mission pledged, while in Israel, an increase of \$40,950, or 35.5% more than they had done in 1981.

We borrowed from our American friends the idea of a Mission to Washington. February 14-16 saw twenty-one members of our community spend a whirlwind three days in the U.S. capital. Included in this new experience were visits to the Israeli Embassy, to the Canadian Embassy, to the White House and the Centre for Performing Arts. The fifteen first-time participants pledged over \$25,000, which represented an increase of \$6,100, or 32% over their 1981 gifts.

Believing as we do that effective solicitations are only possible where the canvasser has a good grounding in the campaign, we placed emphasis this year on worker training. Each Division had

a minimum of two meetings for orientation and card distribution. We leaned heavily on films, slides, printed matter, videotape and the spoken word. The Bulletin was the major vehicle for the dissemination of information. The feedback I have been getting about our publicity, about my column and the general approach we took was positive. We also had the co-operation of the Rabbis who used their pulpits on many occasions to advance the U.J.A. cause.

On the principle that an educated donor is a better donor, we experimented with a series of neighborhood gatherings which were designed to bring the message of the campaign and the community into the homes of young families in particular. We used films, speakers, slides and printed materials to tell the story and encouraged discussion and even criticism. The results were healthy enough to convince me that this approach has many possibilities and should be intensified.

The kick-off of our campaign was Super Sunday, held on March 14. It is basically a mass telephone blitz which allows us to cover many cards which otherwise get left to the tail end. For the campaign this year we obtained 1,772 pledges for a total of \$194,224. This figure represents an increase of \$40,651, over last year or 26.5%. Of the almost 1,800 contributions received, close to 300 were first time gifts and over 750 were increases. My thanks to Sheila and Larry Hartman for a job well done.

Although there was some concern about our Walkathon following the direction of other Walkathons, I am delighted to report that although the number of walkers was down, we were able to raise slightly over \$40,000. Aside from the money, the Walk-for-Israel is a tool that is utilized to demonstrate the solidarity of our community.

The next few weeks will be spent in getting the rest of our cards covered. There are always some hold-backs but we expect the bulk of the job to be completed by the end of June. A Kovod evening for workers in July will wind up the 1982 drive.

Two innovations I introduced this year have had what I feel will be a positive effect on the Campaign for some time to come. The first was a recognition that it has to be built over a period of time and the concept of a "five-year plan" gained favour. The second was a publicity campaign using a professional consultant who worked closely with our publicity committee and senior staff. The results were good and should be the basis for planning for next year.

I have enjoyed my year as General Chairman and will leave the post with a new appreciation for this community and the many fine people who comprise its leadership. The vast majority cares. I am proud to have played some small part in perpetuating and strengthening Jewish life here and in Israel.

I close with expressions of gratitude to all of the people with whom I have been privileged to work and to all of the donors who have made the Ottawa Jewish community an example to emulate.

United Jewish Appeal Women's Division

Rose Taylor, Chairman



As my term as Women's Division Chairman of the 1982 U.J.A. Campaign draws to a close, it seems only natural to reflect upon the past year. We embarked on an early start amid a flurry of opposition, early in the Fall of 1981. At the first Cabinet Meeting a decision was reached to try to reach as many contributors as possible before the snow flies and our ladies leave for warmer climates. Therefore, even though our campaign does not officially open until Super Sunday, we held our Top Donors Luncheon November 25 at the home of Mrs. Herbert Zagerman featuring Simone Goldberg, National Chairman of the Women's Division, U.J.A. of Canada as our guest speaker. It was a very successful function with 24 women in attendance and a fine sum of money was raised, showing an encouraging increase over the previous year.

With that excellent beginning to build on, the momentum was carried forward through to our Mission to Israel. The trip was an unqualified triumph because pledge cards were distributed to the six women and recollected with doubled and tripled pledges willingly offered.

In December we held a Champagne Breakfast for newcomers to our Community with Sol Shinder, Immediate Past Chairman of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir, as our feature speaker. This function was a non fund-raising event — held to acquaint newcomers with Women's Division and hopefully to involve them in our activities and secure them as U.J.A. contributors.

On February 9, our "Snowbird" first was an unqualified success, thanks to our Snowbird Chairmen, Dorothy Nadolny and Phyllis Sternthal. Eleanor Weiner, former Ottawa resident held a Champagne Brunch at her home in Hollywood, Florida for "Ottawa residents on Vacation" featuring Gene Greensweig as the guest speaker. Twenty-four ladies were present.

On February 8, we held our Cabinet Training Session at the home of Edie Landau in conjunction with the Young People's Division featuring as our special guest, Gittel Tatz, Executive Director of the National Women's Division U.J.A. Inc. It was a well attended session, with substantial increases realized.

A unique programme aimed at sharpening the effectiveness of fund-raising was held March 3 and led by Nancy Golden, Educational Co-ordinator, Women's Division, United Jewish Appeal of Toronto. The all day seminar was held in three different locations for easy accessibility — morning in Alta Vista at the home of Claire Bercovitch, afternoon in Sandy Hill at the home of Shirley Kardish and evening in Ouelicourt at the home of Cally Kardash. It was a gratifyingly successful day with most Cabinet Members and canvassers

alike increasing their pledges as well as selecting their cards for their canvassing.

Super Sunday, March 14, our official opening, became our target at that point. A large number of our ladies were recruited to work on Super Sunday on staff, on various committees and especially on Women's Division Cards. Then on Monday, a group of ladies returned to the Super Sunday scene for Mop-up Monday where between the hours of 5 to 9 an additional 200-300 cards were covered.

At break of day, April 28, an energetic, excited bustload of U.J.A. women left Ottawa for a super trip to Montreal, firstly to have Arlette Blanchette, Curator of the Contemporary Museum of Fine Art extend a private viewing of the Judy Chicago Art Exhibit "The Dinner Party" and secondly, and most impressive of all, to have the Montreal Women's Division of Montreal extend us a brief but exhilarating visit to the Golden Age Association, the Montreal Jewish Public Library and the Holocaust Memorial Centre.

To continue the new division that was launched last year, a special U.J.A. programme was presented to the men and women of the Golden Age Group at their monthly location. A video presentation was viewed and cards distributed.

Our campaign wind-up took place on May 4 under the Chairmanship of Barbara Greenberg when the Ottawa Athletic Club became the setting of an exciting and stimulating round of activities such as Dancercise, Tennis, Swimming, interspersed with a Cooking Demonstration and an Ikabana demonstration and culminating with a luncheon and fashion show.

To conclude, I would like to thank my Vice-Chairmen, Sheila Hartman & Myra Presser, my Cabinet, the Category Chairman and the various canvassers for their diligence, dedication and commitment. Canvassing is not an easy chore; however, they steadfastly pursued their task of reaching each and every lady and securing increased or at least like commitments. I also wish to thank the ladies who so willingly hosted the different functions with grace and charm. To thank Simone Goldberg in her capacity as National Chairman and as a past Ottawa Women's Division Chairman for her expert guidance and advice. And above all, to thank Freda Frankel, Hy Hochberg and the entire office staff for their guidance, constant co-operation and hard work. I found my job to be enjoyable, stimulating and rewarding but without the guidance, support and encouragement of the campaign professionals I would have found it difficult to succeed in our endeavour.

To the incoming Women's Division Chairman, my best wishes and continued support.



Jewish Community Centre

Norman Slover, President

The Jewish Community Centre continued in its 30th year to fulfill its mandate by providing a wide range of cultural, recreational and social programs to the Jewish Community of the City of Ottawa.

Professional Staff

Our Executive Director, Larry Szpirglas, who had been with us for approximately 2 1/2 years, providing excellent leadership and direction, accepted a new position and Ron Boro, formerly Physical Education Director and Program Director of the Centre was appointed to fill the position. Margo Roston who had been with the Centre as its Adult Worker accepted a new position and the Centre was pleased to announce that Ian Borer, formerly the Teen Worker had been appointed to fill that vacancy. The Physical Education staff was strengthened with the hiring of Harvey Hershenkopf as Director and Barbara Peebles as Assistant Director. Although there were a number of changes, it is a credit to the professional staff that the continuity of programming was not compromised.

Directors

The Centre is governed by a dedicated group of 25 members of the community who are selected for a one-year term in September of each year. In addition there is a representative on the Board from the National Capital Council of Jewish Youth and one from Jewish Students Union-Hillel. Those serving for the 1981-82 term were Barry Ages, Barry Davis, Ben Dworkin, Abe Engel, A.J. Freiman, Roslyn Gershon, Malcolm Glube, Lawrence Greenberg, Stephen Greenberg, Lawrence Greenspon, Morley Goldfield, Carol Kassie, Ralph Kassie, Elliott Levitan, Ron Prehogan, Mark Resnick, Morton Ross, Norman Potechin, Bill Shinkman, Sol Shmelzer, Flora Silverman, David Slipacoff, Arnon Vered, Joel Zagerman, Lisa Loeb and Jordan Charness. Past Presidents Irving Rivers and Stephen Victor continue to take an active interest in guiding the Centre.

Program Highlights

The Centre provides major community-wide programs, together with programs designed for either a particular interest or for an age group. The Community participated in a very successful "Arts Alive" program co-ordinated by Doris Bronstein which featured Theodore Bikel and Elie Wiesel on

consecutive evenings. The third annual "Health and Fitness Fair" was held at the Centre and featured Drs. Wilbert Keon, Bill Goldstein, Hamilton Hall and Steve Sabotnick as guest speakers. The Centre also sponsored the Chassidic Folk Festival, the performances by television's Polka Dot Door and the recent Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration.

Preschool, Junior and Tween

This year the pre-school programs have been extremely successful. The Mother-Tot and Garinim programs, as well as the after-school Kodaly Music Class, all had a higher registration than past years. The K'Ton Ton/Bitty Gym, T.G.I.S. and Sunday Sports Special programs were also offered, and were enjoyed by many participants.

The Tween Department saw the addition of an East-end Tween Interest Group, a West-end group, Tween Bowling and Saturday Night Live.

Teens

For the second year, teen programming centred around the activities of the National Capital Council of Jewish Youth with the Centre staff providing support and guidance. The Teen Department continued to offer leadership training sessions and many varied sports activities. The year culminated with a successful Teen Summit which focused on action to foster the growth of this endeavour.

Camps

The Day and Sports Camps are the featured activity for children during the summer months and enrolment in 1981 increased to 257 campers. In addition the camps employ many teenagers of our community as staff members.

Seniors

Our seniors appear to thrive on the activities of the Golden Age Club and the program known as Adults for Lively Leisure. We are a partner with the Jewish Social Services Agency in this area which appears to be expanding yearly in the number of participants.

Future

The Centre will maintain its call as the central entity for Jewish activities in our city. We look forward and encourage new people to serve as a Director or on a Program Committee and if this is of interest please call our Executive Director.



Jewish Students Union-Hillel Foundation

Jordan Charness, President
Nissen Chackowicz, Co-ordinator

The Jewish Student's Union — Hillel Foundation of Ottawa represents Jewish university students and student age people in the Ottawa area.

JSU-Hillel was originally formed in 1974 and is now active on the campuses of Carleton University and the University of Ottawa. What began as a fledgling student group, has evolved into a Jewish Student organization recognized throughout the continent for its experience in providing on and off campus programs for Jews of university age.

This year has been a truly exciting one for JSU-Hillel. Our social and educational programming have expanded, and we have created a new momentum for political programming on campus. In the past academic year, JSU-Hillel sponsored:

- a) a full day Mid-East Seminar
- b) a panel discussion on Jews from Arab countries
- c) a lecture on contemporary events in the Middle-East
- d) a lecture on Israel and the Media
- e) a Symposium on Terrorism.

JSU-Hillel programming initiatives have given the Ottawa Jewish Community very strong student input on various levels. Organizationally, students have assumed leading roles on the Community Relations Council and its various committees. Culturally,

JSU-Hillel presented Irving Layton and Dr. Jack Kugelmass for the community's enjoyment. JSU-Hillel students worked hard as fund-raisers for the B'nai B'rith Bowlathon and made a significant contribution to the Young People's Division Campaign for the U.J.A.

Our most outstanding achievements were the staging of Jewish Unity Day for the Ottawa Jewish Community at the University of Ottawa, and the publication of Ottawa's first Jewish Student Newspaper, L'Chayim.

JSU-Hillel receives the major source of its funding from the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir and Ottawa's B'nai B'rith Lodges. Additional funding allocated towards specific programs was received from the North American Jewish Students' Network, the Canadian Zionist Federation, the Embassy of Israel, the Agudath Israel Congregation, Temple Israel and Congregation Machzikei Hadas.

The activities and services of JSU-Hillel represent the interests of those involved. We welcome your participation in our ongoing programs and are committed to facilitating the implementation of new ideas and programs initiated by newcomers. Our umbrella-like structure promotes a freedom of expression and programming while providing the links which give us a sense of the larger community we are all a part of.



Pioneer Women Na'Amat

Ethel Malek, President

Pioneer Women Na'Amat initiated the 1981-82 season with a National Convention, held at the Chateau de l'Aéroport, Mirabel, Quebec, on September 13-15, 1981. A new slate of officers for our national executive was elected at that time, headed by Mrs. Pearl Mekler, of Toronto, the new Incoming President. Mrs. Freda Frankel, our Ottawa chavera, was also elected as National Chairman for Social Action and Soviet Jewry.

Once again, our main project under the chairmanship of Mrs. Claire Bercovitch, is the Ottawa Jewish Reference Telephone Directory and great deal of effort goes into this all year round.

Each year, our members work on the Histadrut Campaign and this year the monies raised were earmarked not only for our Israeli needs, but for those here as well,

at Camp Geshet, a Dror-Habonim camp, for our youth.

When the United Jewish Appeal campaign commences, the chaveroit of Pioneer Women Na'Amat are always involved in this fund-raising project.

This year we initiated our Spiritual Adoption Project and a tea was held at the home of Mrs. Ethel Malek, on May 2, 1982. We had a fantastic response and raised over \$5,600 for our Israeli children in Pioneer Women Na'Amat Day Care Centres.

Our closing dinner on June 9, 1982, at the Embassy West Hotel welcomed the new slate of officers for Ottawa Council. It was also a Kovod night, honouring the senior chaveroit of the Golda Meir Group of Ottawa. My best wishes are extended to the new executive — I wish them every success in the coming year.



Ottawa Talmud Torah Board

Dr. Charles Freedman, President

The Talmud Torah Board maintains the largest Jewish educational system in the Ottawa/Carleton region. The following programs are offered by the Board:

1. Hillel Academy — Jewish Day School, offering full Hebrew and general studies programs including French instruction (complying with Ontario Ministry of Education curricula guidelines), from Junior Nursery to Grade 8;

2. The Afternoon School Talmud Torah — a full afternoon Hebrew School. The curriculum offers 6 1/4 hours per week instruction in Hebrew studies to public school students from Kindergarten to Grade 7; as well as grade 8 and extension classes;

3. The Afternoon Hebrew High School — a 12 credit program of afternoon and evening courses offered to high school students;

4. A Bar and Bat Mitzvah program for boys and girls approaching the age of 13 in Hillel Academy and the Afternoon School.

Over 500 children receive instruction in the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board Schools.

Programs — Hillel Academy

This year Hillel Academy commenced a successful extension Nursery School at Graham Park Public School in Nepean. This was very well received by parents with young children in the West end of Ottawa and will be continued at Whitehaven Public School next year. This program increased to 3 the number of nurseries Hillel Academy operates. Next year Hillel Academy will offer a core French program for students in Grade 7 and 8 in addition to its very successful, enriched French program for the same grades. Also, the amount of time for French studies will be increased from Grade 1 to 6. The Jewish and Hebrew studies program at the School has continued at a high level.

The School has continued to participate in major Community events and Hillel Students have conducted various Community service projects including weekly visits to Hillel Lodge. The School continues to face problems with its lack of adequate facilities but hopefully, within the near future, a single School will be erected.

Hillel Academy has regretfully lost the services of Rabbi J. Kaploun who has served the School selflessly over the last 8 years. His efforts at running Hillel Academy and increasing the number of students attending Hillel Academy have been well appreciated. Dr. Richard Wagner, who has been the Assistant Principal at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville, Maryland for the last 3 years, will be joining us as Director of Hillel Academy. Dr. Wagner has a great deal of experience in running Jewish Day Schools and is a welcome addition to our institution.

Talmud Torah Afternoon School

The Talmud Torah Afternoon School has maintained a steady enrolment and has offered an excellent program in Hebrew studies. The Talmud Torah Afternoon School continues to operate a Grade 8 and extension classes, and also conducts a class for children with special needs. Mrs. E. Wolynetz, who so successfully managed the Afternoon School over the last 3 years, is leaving her position as Principal to become a full-time teacher at Hillel Academy. The Afternoon School is very pleased to announce that Mrs. Doris Bronstein will be the new Principal of the Afternoon School. Mrs. Bronstein has had many years of experience in Jewish Education and Community Affairs.

The Afternoon Hebrew High School

The Afternoon Hebrew High School this year again conducted a learning program for teenagers of the Community. In the future, the Talmud Torah Board will gradually phase out the High School. Instead, there will be the Community Afternoon High School which will have its own Board and Administrators.

The Ottawa Talmud Torah Board expresses its appreciation to the Ottawa Vaad Ha'R for its support and sincerely hopes that the Vaad will continue to understand the concerns and problems faced by the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board in its endeavours to maintain the high level of education being provided in 3 languages.

Community Relations

Merida Sachs,
Murray Ages, Co-Chairmen



In addition to the programs started over the last few years, designed to keep our own community informed, i.e., community forums, an all-day seminar and neighbourhood gatherings, the Community Relations Committee has developed an additional eight sub-committees to deal with increasing areas of concern.

It is our feeling that rather than simply react to crisis situations as they arise, we should deal with areas of concern before they become critical.

The Media-Monitoring Committee was set up because there was a general feeling that the Citizen's editorial policy was consistently anti-Israel. After several months of monitoring, enough evidence was collected to support these feelings. An excellent brief was prepared by Bob Willmot of the Canada-Israel Committee and a delegation consisting of Vaad President Joe Lief, Media-Monitoring Chairman Dr. Eli Rabin, Bob Willmot and Hy Hochberg, met with the entire senior editorial staff of the Citizen. Our case was well presented and the group came away with the feeling that they had at least sensitized these people to some of the issues. Only time and further monitoring will prove how really effective they have been.

In February, a new Shalom-Ottawa program was started at Skyline Cablevision. There is a separate report on the Shalom-Ottawa Committee in another part of this Bulletin.

It was the feeling of the committee that we should have a mechanism in place to deal with problems at all levels of our school system. Therefore, sub-committees were formed for elementary and secondary schools as well as universities.

We would like to institute a program similar to one in London, Ontario, whereby material would be made available to the elementary schools to explain our holidays and traditions.

At the secondary school level, we would like to have personal contacts with school principals so that when an issue arises, such as scheduling of exams on the High Holy Days or the teaching of such controversial literature as *Oliver Twist* or *The Merchant of Venice*, we will be in a better position to make our case.

At the university level, there is the continuing problem at Ottawa University of Arab anti-semitism. We are presently trying to form a faculty committee to give the students some support in dealing

with this very serious problem.

Since an important part of the Community Relations function is to inform our own community, we feel that we should make better use of the Bulletin for this purpose. We would like to institute two regular features — a C.R. column giving an in-depth look at some of the problems facing Jews around the world, and a Question Corner designed to help children answer, in a simple manner, some of the questions they may be asked by non-Jewish friends. This has not yet been started.

Another important role of the Community Relations Committee is to support the Canada-Israel Committee in any way we can. We have a representative on the National Board of the C.I.C. and because the National Office of this organization is in Ottawa, we are fortunate to have the expertise of Mark Resnick and Bob Willmot to call on.

Finally, we have established an Interfaith Committee whose function is to build bridges with the general community. Our clergy are beginning a dialogue with a small number of Protestant clergymen and we hope to set in motion a similar dialogue between lay people. In addition, we are involved with other ethnic minorities on various ad hoc committees.

With such an ambitious program, staff support or lack of it, assumes a major importance. Several of our committees are in a holding position because there has simply not been enough staff time to accomplish our goals.

Committees have been formed as a response to perceived problems. It has been suggested that perhaps the Community Relations Committee has set too ambitious goals for itself. However, these problems will not disappear because we choose to only implement three or four of our programs. If we do not deal with these problems now, they will arise in the future as crises and we will be back in the position of reacting to an emergency situation.

My co-chairman, Murray Ages and I have written to the President of the Vaad expressing our concern and asking for more staff time to be devoted to Community Relations. This would entail hiring another part-time staff person. Because the Community Relations Committee is a committee of the Vaad, the money for this would have to come from the Vaad budget and therefore the ultimate decision for this step will rest with the Vaad.

Holocaust Committee

Mendel Good, Chairman
Noa Heilman, Co-Ordinator



On Sunday, May 2, 1982, the Holocaust Committee, sponsored and organized the community's Annual Memorial Service commemorating the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and paying homage to the Martyrs of the Holocaust. The ceremony ran smoothly with many members of Ottawa's Jewish Community contributing to the one-hour program which began promptly at 11:00 a.m. and which was quietly patrolled by the Gloucester Police.

In addition to the annual observance of Yom Hashoa, this year on April 20, a television screening of the C.B.S. Special "The Wall" was offered as a program for remembrance and education. Refreshments were served and discussion led by Harry Hecht, co-chairman of the Holocaust Committee, followed the presentation.

On Wednesday, February 10 this Committee was represented at a one-day Seminar and Workshop for High School Teachers held in Montreal. The Holocaust: Confronting Moral Issues was the focus of the Seminar which attempted to aid High School teachers in dealing with issues arising out of curriculum on the Holocaust. Committee members regularly speak to community groups and classes on the Holocaust, such seminars providing resources and support for our ongoing activities of "Remembrance and Education" in our community.

In January this year a group of concerned individuals began meeting, their common bond being that they are children of Holocaust survivors. This committee has met seven times and has delineated common goals, concerns and ac-



tivities for future orientation.

The Holocaust Documentation Project has been initiated and members of the Children of Holocaust Survivors are presently interviewing survivors in the Ottawa area. The Canadian Jewish

Congress with the assistance of the Multicultural Program, Government of Canada, is sponsoring this audio-visual project to tape the personal histories of Canadians who have survived the Holocaust.



Jewish Community Cemetery of Ottawa

Hyman Gould, Chairman



The Jewish Community Cemetery of Ottawa, situated on Highway 31 (Bank Street South) is composed of individual sections owned by Congregations Agudath Israel, Beth Shalom and Machzikei Hadas. The ten-acre site has served the community for over seventy-five years.

Congregations Temple Israel and Young Israel were apportioned sections in the New Jewish Community Cemetery when it opened in 1976.

Both Cemeteries are well-maintained and compare favourably in appearance with cemeteries anywhere. There are some problems during the winter season but they are all well-handled.

The Holocaust Memorial located on the Jewish Community Cemetery on Bank Street serves as a focal point for the entire com-

munity at all times and particularly for the annual observance of Yom Hashoah which recently took place.

The Annual Memorial Service held on the cemetery grounds prior to Rosh Hashanah was well-attended. A short and meaningful service was held. The appreciation of the community is extended to the clergy, to Sam Petigorsky, the Gabbai of the Chevra Kadisha and to the men and women of his organization for their devoted efforts throughout the course of the year.

I extend my thanks to the Vaad for making its resources and staff available to the Cemetery Committee as well as appreciation to my colleagues on the Committee who represent Congregations Agudath Israel, Beth Shalom, Machzikei Hadas, Temple Israel and Young Israel.



New Jewish Community Cemetery

Israel Shinder, Chairman

The New Jewish Cemetery has been operating very well. There are few problems. The five Synagogues, who are owners of the cemetery have shown remarkable unanimity in the administration and planning of operations. Our main concern will be to continue with good management, and here we shall feel the loss of Nathan Marcus quite keenly.

There has been some justifiable criticism of inadequate direction signs to the cemetery. People are getting lost on their way out. We shall do all we can to erect more signs. The problem is that one is not permitted to erect signs on public property. Therefore, one

must receive permission to erect signs from private owners at strategic locations. This permission is not always obtainable. We will try harder. However, post card size cards will be printed with a map and directions, and will be made available at the chapel.

We are also looking at the possibility of offering perpetual flower care at both the old and new cemeteries. The legalities of the plan are being researched, and it is hoped to have a plan in place within the next month.

I wish to thank the members of the cemetery committee who are always there when needed.

Dror-Habonim- Camp Gesher

Harry Goldstein, Chairman

Gadi Banner, Director

Upon reviewing the past year I cannot help but be impressed at what was accomplished. Never in the history of Dror-Habonim have we ever had such commitment amongst our members. This grass roots feeling for the movement has led to a more mature Dror-Habonim.

Our programs dealt extensively with our Jewish roots and our renewed Zionist commitment. Although some found our programming schedule slightly too intensive, end results proved it was all worthwhile. However, our success in programming has not gone to our heads; we are still examining future possibilities for improvement.

Although our weekly meetings are finished for this year, we still have many challenges before us.

For instance, we are presently mobilizing our membership for participation in Milkad of the World Zionist Congress. While usually dealing in theory, the World Zionist Congress gives us a chance to actively campaign for our beliefs. Also, as usual, we are preparing for the upcoming season in Camp Gesher. There we hope to consolidate the feelings that we have rooted in the Chanachim during the past year.

Next year I foresee our goals to be concerned with bringing about a stronger tie with our head office in New York and even more active participation in the Ottawa Jewish community.

Sam Goldstein,
Maskir, Dror-Habonim,
Ottawa

Soviet Jewry Committee

Rabbi Dr. Basil F. Herring,
Co-Chairman
Ruth Berger, Co-Chairmen



With the emigration of Jews from the U.S.S.R. in sharp decline and arrests increasing, the Combined Soviet Jewry Committee (an amalgamation of the Group of 35 and the Ottawa Soviet Jewry Committee) has had a particularly active year. The role of the committee is threefold:

1. To educate Ottawa Jews on the drastic situation facing our Soviet Jewish brethren;

2. To provide programming and liaison for other organizations in the community;

3. To keep the plight of Soviet Jewry in the public eye by generating media coverage for rallies, speakers and press conferences.

The year's activities began with a successful High Holy Day mailing program. With the help of local synagogues and women's organizations, over 3,000 Rosh Hashanah Cards were sent to Jewish prisoners and refuseniks in the U.S.S.R.

Ottawa's Annual Simchat Torah Rally in October drew over 300 people to the Soviet Embassy to protest the deteriorating situation of Jews in the U.S.S.R. However, while 300 is a respectable turnout, surely a community of Ottawa's size can produce a larger crowd. Rallies attract T.V. ad newspaper coverage, which is their chief value and it reflects poorly on the community and its level of commitment if rallies are small.

In November, Hadassah-Wizo asked Ruth Berger to organize a rally at the Soviet Embassy as part of their national conference in Ottawa. Over 350 women attended this rally. All speakers, signs, trucks, press releases and media relations were provided by the Combined Soviet Jewry Committee to Hadassah free of charge. The rally was broadcast on the C.B.C. television national news and later by satellite into the Soviet

Union on C.B.C. Radio International.

In December, Ottawa hosted a National Emergency Conference to deal with the emigration crisis. The Ottawa Committee played a major role in organizing this conference as well as the protest rally at the Soviet Embassy which accompanied it.

Other projects include collecting signatures on a nation-wide petition, participation in Arts Alive and Jewish Student Solidarity Day at Ottawa University, and supplying guest speakers to local synagogues and Jewish organizations. Films, study kits and guest speakers were sent to Hillel Academy. An education sub-committee has now been struck to implement an expanded program next fall.

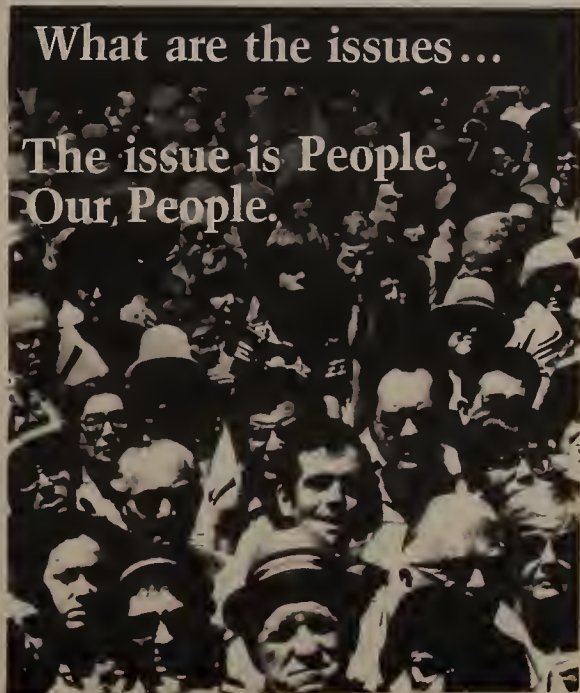
There has been growing interest from other synagogues and organizations in the committee's Adopt-A-Family program which is running successfully at Beth Shalom. The Committee is also continuing to work closely with the Parliamentary Committee on Soviet Jewry and the new Parliamentary Wives group.

Perhaps the highlight of our spring programming was the second annual Soviet Jewry Shabbat to welcome new families from the U.S.S.R. to the community. It was a most moving experience for all who attended.

In conclusion, the Combined Soviet Jewry Committee has had a productive year. It has received significant recognition on a national level. Despite the fact that there is no permanent staff person assigned to this committee as there is in Montreal and Toronto, there has been a lot of programming generated and an excellent response from both the Jewish and general public. Ottawa now plays a leadership role in the Soviet Jewry movement in Canada.

What are the issues...

The issue is People. Our People.



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Hillel Lodge

Dan Doctor, President

Hillel Lodge has undergone a vast transformation in providing its present level of care as compared to when we first opened the Home some sixteen years ago. At that time, the care provided was strictly residential care. Today, the basic philosophy goes well beyond residential care. Our current cost of providing services in our 48-bed home has risen over 746% since 1966.

The change is particularly evident in the needs, physical level and demands of our debilitated resident population who are more fragile, more feeble, requiring costly extended care services and extremely costly (chronic) heavy nursing care. The cost of providing heavy nursing care alone represents 30% of our nursing costs — a reflection of the ever-growing care needs of our residents.

Limitation in governments funding, resident fees, and the United Jewish Appeal allocations necessitated Hillel Lodge to conduct a city-wide campaign to retire an accumulated deficit brought about by these escalating costs. William Grossman was the Chairman of Hillel Lodge's fund-raising campaign and did an outstanding job, for which the Lodge and the community owe him a debt of gratitude.

During 1981-82 —
Our Board of Directors made recommendations and implemented cost savings — by reducing staff without decreasing the quality of care or service to our residents; new purchasing procedures were introduced which should result in dollar savings; adoption of computer pay roll system was implemented to save administration costs.

— Negotiated a successful one year union agreement with our staff and the International Union of

Local Engineers, Local 796. Salary increases and benefits were mainly a "catch up" situation to bring our staff closer to today's competitive salary levels.

— Repainting and refurbishing of our second floor; and the purchase of furniture for our new front lounge. Both these projects were undertaken and underwritten by the Women's Auxiliary of Hillel Lodge.

— A Joint Jewish Community Council — Hillel Lodge Task Force on Short and Long Range Planning was established last August to determine the present and future role of Hillel Lodge in providing and developing an integrated approach to the delivery of services to the Jewish elderly in the community and for those requiring institutional care. Much was accomplished through the Task Force's discussions. The Task Force will be providing the Vaad with a full report on its deliberations and recommendations.

— A change in policy for all new admissions. That if and when the Medical Standards Committee classifies a resident as chronic care, the families and/or Hillel Lodge must make application to have the resident transferred and admitted to a chronic care institution, thus alleviating a situation which Hillel Lodge is not provincially licensed, nor staffed or equipped to provide.

These past sixteen years, Hillel Lodge has become an important institution with increasing responsibility to the growing numbers of the elderly in our community. At Hillel Lodge, our objective is to make aged residents still feel wanted, still somebody, to reduce the level of physical suffering that comes with aging — and at the same time, to increase the dimension of living.



Jewish Social Services Agency

L. Gerald Levitz, President

Elaine Rabin, Executive Director



The Jewish Social Services Agency was incorporated on January 1, 1980 with a mandate to improve the quality of family life and to assist in the prevention of social dysfunction and stress in individuals and families and to investigate the social service needs of the Jewish Community of Ottawa. The Agency has developed significantly since its inception and currently offers three distinct types of services: Services to the Elderly, Immigrant Resettlement and Direct Counselling. Our two full time staff members and four part time members are fully extended in providing these services.

Prior to the organization of the Agency, the Jewish Community Council granted conditional approval for the service, on the basis of first, a proven community need, and second, the ability of the JSSA to raise funds independently of the United Jewish Appeal. During 1981 — 1982 it was established that the agency had met its criteria for creation and was admitted as a full member of the Ottawa Va'ad Ha'ir.

In this period of monetary restraint, the JSSA has searched for funds for its programs for local, provincial and federal government sources. We have succeeded to the point that our requested allocation this year from the community, comprises only eighteen per cent of the Agency's total budget. It is important to note that programs such as Teleshalom, Telecheck, Friendly Visiting, Senior Shopping, Wheels on Meals and Adults for Lively Leisure (ALL), are known as "Home Support Programs" and are funded in the most part by the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the City of Ottawa. The counselling service offered by the Agency is funded mainly by the United Way of Ottawa-Carleton. The services to immigrants is offered on a contractual arrangement with the federal and provincial governments from ISAP (Im-

migrant Settlement and Adaptation Program).

"New Horizons", a provincial program granting senior citizens seed money has been responsible for several services for the first eighteen months of their operation, following which generally speaking, the province has provided funding on a continuing basis. New Horizon grants have enabled the community to do a Needs Study for the Jewish Elderly, helped initiate the highly successful Teleshalom, funded the Senior Drop-In Centre, and has underwritten the capital costs of a Meals on Wheels Program, to be undertaken jointly with Hillel Lodge in the near future.

Since many of our grants are based on a matching concept, continued community support is vital to the agency. The allocations from the United Jewish Appeal and voluntary service organizations such as B'nai B'rith Parliament Lodge, B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge 885, and the National Council of Jewish Women, are critical components of our budget and will be required in the future.

The agency would like to acknowledge with thanks, those individual donors and voluntary organizations, as well as the United Jewish Appeal, and the Va'ad Ha'ir for their continued contributions which indicate their commitment to the social service needs of the Community.

Our offices are located in the Jewish Community Centre and the services and programs are available and open to all members of the community. We also welcome any suggestions for extension or improvement of our agency.

In conclusion, the board and the executive director would like to express their sincere appreciation to our supporters and funding bodies, to our Volunteers and to the staff of the agency.



Hillel Lodge Women's Auxiliary

Rachel Nadolny, President

The Women's Auxiliary of Hillel Lodge has the essential ingredients of compassion, warmth and "caring".

Wherever one goes in Hillel Lodge there is something that bears lasting testimony to our Auxiliary's work. Carpets, furniture, draperies, geriatric chairs, whirlpool baths, chapel furnishings, summer chairs, umbrellas and lounges, arts and crafts programs, birthday parties, bingo gifts, holiday wine, fruit, flowers, picnics, all bedrooms painted, new mattresses, spreads and window shades. The list is impressive. The hours of volunteer work by our auxiliary on the above, benefit directly the residents and enhance their total well-being.

Highlight this year was the 100th birthday party of one of our

residents, Mr. Louis Steinberg.

We promote community interest by our two major teas a year, thereby bringing the community in to Hillel Lodge. The teas are the auxiliary's principal money raising efforts.

Our Auxiliary will shortly become involved in the New Horizons Project "Kosher Meals on Wheels". One of the residents, as liaison, attends all our meetings, held once a month, more when necessary.

The Women's Auxiliary of Hillel Lodge is dedicated to helping the elderly and ill people, for whom Hillel Lodge is "Home".

Won't you join the ranks of our volunteers performing the "mitzvah" of looking after the needs of our residents?

Ottawa Chevra Kadisha

Sam Petigorsky, Gabbai Rishon

The past year, November 23, 1980 (15 Kislev 5741) to December 10, 1981 (14 Kislev 5742), was a busy year for the Chevra Kadisha. We serviced 63 cases — 39 males and 24 females.

During the year a number of repairs and modifications were initiated and some were completed. The Chapel roof was renewed and the attic insulated. The heating system was improved by the installation of individually controlled electric heaters in some of the basement rooms. The entire interior of the Chapel was painted recently. The exterior of the building will be painted within the next month or two. Other improvements are being considered and work will commence probably in the very near future.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the clergy and the

chairmen of the Cemetery Committees for their co-operation in the past.

Several individuals were accepted as permanent members after serving a probationary period and a few were accepted as probationary members.

Our annual banquet which was held on December 31, 1981 was a great success.

The following Officers were elected at the Annual General Meeting held on December 15, 1981: Honorary Gabbai — Harry Pleet; Gabbai Rishon — Sam Petigorsky; Gabbai — M. Sidney Green; Gabbai — Abe Hanser; Gabbai — Izzie Greenberg; Recording Secretary — Dr. Philip Gosewich; Financial Secretary — Martin K. Levinson; Treasurer — Abe Hanser.



Foundation for Jewish Education

Martin K. Levinson, President

It might be of interest to the community to know how the institutions come to Ottawa to solicit.

Over the years, yeshivas and schools have written in to the Canadian Foundation for Jewish Education requesting permission to collect funds for their institution. The chairman verifies the authenticity of the institution, checking out various pertinent facts. If satisfied, the yeshiva is granted one week during which it can collect. The representative is given a receipt book from the Canadian Foundation for Jewish Education.

The funds are left in Ottawa for deposit. They are transferred to the institution as a scholarship. Required scholarship forms must be completed. Each contribution is recorded and one tax deductible receipt is issued at the end of the calendar year. The Canadian Foundation charges a 5% administration charge for this service.

As well, the Foundation acts as a transmittal agent for certain institutions. These funds are sent in from other communities in Canada and the Foundation handles the transfer, scholarship forms and receipting. For this service, a 3% administration charge is levied.

The following is a list of institutions who solicited in Ottawa during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1981 and the amounts raised by each of them:

Centre Yeshiva Beth Joseph	\$610.00
Israel Children's Home	1,250.00
Maor Hagola Rabbinical College	1,104.00

Yeshiva Gedola Merkaz Hatorah	828.00
Ohel Moshe Diskin	1,355.00
Yeshiva Tifereth Zvi	3,071.00
Knesset Bnai Hagola	2,834.34
Mesifit of Long Beach	200.00
Ner Israel Yeshiva College — Toronto	1,623.00
Telsh Yeshiva	1,213.00
Yeshiva Lomza Petach Tikva	589.96
Beth Joseph Zvi Dushinsky	1,675.00
Rabbinical College of Canada	4,541.00
Rabbinical Seminary of America	1,703.00
Beth Medrash Govoha	913.00
Ner Israel Rabbinical College — Baltimore	1,311.00
Mesifit Tifereth Jerusalem	1,334.00
Yeshiva Kerem B'Yavneh	250.00
Ponevez Yeshiva	3,058.00
Yeshivat Slabodka	947.00
Hebrew Theological College	1,119.00
Yeshiva Torah Emeth Diskin Orphan Home	1,417.18
First Mesifit of Canada	863.00
Hechal Hatalmud	564.00
Beth Jacob School of Canada	1,049.00
	1,510.00
	\$36,932.48

The Foundation acted as transmittal agent for the following institutions:

Ponevez Yeshiva	\$19,672.73
Hebrew Theological College	1,399.43
Beth Joseph Zvi Dushinsky	760.00
New Haven Hebrew Day School	1,000.00
	\$22,832.16

Jewish Community Foundation

Norman Zagerman, President



The Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation is pleased to report continued progress during the past year. As of April 30, the capital in the Foundation amounted to \$1,380,000., consisting of a total of 144 Funds. Since the last Annual Vaad Meeting, 29 new Funds have been established:

Martin and Ellie Black Endowment Fund, Ronald Bodnoff Memorial Fund, Mendel and Valerie Good Holocaust Scholarship Fund, Benjamin and Sima Gubler Memorial Fund, Harold and Lillian Shoihet Hillel Academy Travel Scholarship Fund, Jewish Community Centre Youth Activities Fund, Jeffrey Allen Cogan Scholarship Fund, Morrie and Helen Eisen Endowment Fund, Herman and Zelda Roodman Endowment Fund, Dr. Gerald Bloom Memorial Fund, Freda and Phil Swedko Endowment Fund, Louis and Jeanne Lief Endowment Fund, Issie and Minnie Sandler Endowment Fund, Max and Dora Kapinsky-Karp Memorial Fund, Stephen and Gail Victor Endowment Fund, Hilda Ages Memorial Fund, Rachel Swedlove Endowment Fund, Koffman Family Endowment Fund, Louis and Miriam Goldstein Endowment Fund, Laz and Mary Greenberg Endowment Fund, Louis and Leah Steinberg Endowment Fund, Sonia and Arthur Viner Endowment Fund, Israel and Polly Cohen Endowment Fund.

Jack Smith Endowment Fund, Sam and Tillie Kardish Endowment Fund, Parliament Lodge B'nai B'rith Past Presidents' Fund, Jeremy Kanter Memorial Fund, Harry Altman Memorial Fund, Jacob and Bertha Bookman Endowment Fund.

For the year ending December 31, 1981, \$116,000., was allocated to local and Israeli charities. It is anticipated that for the year 1982, there will be approximately \$140,000., available for distribution.

The Officers and Directors of the Foundation are thankful to the Ottawa Jewish Community for its continued support and are confident that this growth will continue.

The Directors are resuming their efforts in its "Letters of Intent" campaign. A "Letter of Intent" is a commitment that the person will make a bequest in his or her will benefiting the Foundation. The bequest can be directed to benefit a favorite charity, or it can be left to the discretion of the Directors to benefit charities in the community that require financial assistance.

For information regarding a "Letter of Intent" or the establishment of a fund, call Casey Swedlove at 236-5442 or Hy Hochberg at 232-7306. For a copy of the Auditors Statement and the Annual Report call Laura Greenberg, Executive Secretary at 232-7306.

Religious & Inter-Synagogue Affairs Committee

Moe Litwack, Chairman

To fill a need by the residents of Hillel Lodge, the Synagogue Rabbis, namely Mordecai Berger, Reuven Bulka, Arnold Fine, Basel Herring, and Sanford Marcus, have been kind in co-operating on a rotation basis, each Wednesday afternoon, by meeting with the assembled residents. These visits by the Rabbis have been most

welcomed by the Hillel residents.

The practice of volunteer Shomrim has continued with the families and friends of the deceased being assisted by a small group of volunteers. Some effort by each Synagogue to obtain more volunteers to assist where necessary for the families of their congregants would be desirable.



Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review

Cynthia Engel, Editor

1981-82 has been a positive year for the Bulletin. The acquisition of Anthony and Jane Cates as advertising representatives has meant increased revenue for the paper. Their efforts are the first step toward our eventual goal of some day being a self-sustaining entity. It is disappointing to note that the response from potential advertisers among our own Jewish community has not been as supportive as had been anticipated. It is hoped over the next year that some of these will come around to seeing the Bulletin as a vehicle through which to promote their product or service, as our present advertisers report they are very pleased with the results of their exposure.

As it is with any newspaper, increased advertising has allowed us the luxury of expanding the kind and variety of our content. We are currently using pertinent material received through Jewish wire services and have made 'JTA News in Brief' a regular feature of each issue. The "Community Profile" feature we ran on artist Morton Baslaw was well-received and we hope to do more like features in the coming year.

We feel the Bulletin should help organizations to publicize upcoming events and in particular, the

one major event or fund-raiser each holds during a year. This, however, requires thought and pre-planning. With this in mind, we would encourage publicity chairmen to contact us well in advance of the activity in order to arrange the best type of coverage available to them.

Meeting deadlines is of paramount importance and for the most part, people have been co-operative (or have suffered the consequences of exclusion!). A bouquet to Jack Krane, 1982 U.J.A. General Campaign Chairman who brought his delightful column in on time, every time.

Bouquets as well to reporters Gaye Applebaum and Mark Buckshon who have covered a number of interesting stories accurately and well, and to Sharon Drache, the author of our excellent Book Reviews.

One old problem continues to dog us — that of the unreliability of the mails. Periodically it gets straightened out only to recur again, so presumably we shall just have to sigh and continue to live with it.

We are pleased with the paper at this point and plan to make it even better next year, reflecting the activities of our own Ottawa Jewish community, Israel and diaspora Jewry.

Ottawa Histadrut Campaign

Josef Lebovic, Chairman

The Chairman and Campaign Committee conducted their 59th Annual Histadrut Campaign during the months of January and February.

Several well-attended meetings were held to organize our Campaign and we wish to extend our thanks to the many canvassers from the Histadrut League and the Pioneer Women Na'Amat.

A Blitz Telephone Canvass was organized by the Pioneer Women on Sunday mornings. This proved to be most successful and was well-received by our contributors.

This year our Campaign was dedicated to Dror-Camp Geshet and Israel. Anyone visiting Israel can survey with pride the many fine

institutions bearing the proud title of the "Ottawa Jewish Community" — the Medical Centre in Herzliya, a Cultural Centre in Petach Tikvah, the Youth Centre in Jerusalem, the Jewish Heritage Project in East Jerusalem and now the Ottawa Canada Dental Clinic in Dimona which has been completed.

A number of perpetual scholarships and bursaries have been donated to children from underprivileged families to enable them to enrol in Amal Vocational Training Schools.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the many contributors who have given generously to make this project a success.



Ottawa Modern Jewish School

Len Heitin, President



O.M.J.S. is strong on tradition. The Ottawa Modern Jewish School, presently in its 29th operating year, has 147 students from 4 year old kindergarten to grade seven, from 100 plus families in the Ottawa area. This year's graduating class of 12 is the largest in the school's history.

The school was founded in 1953, on the philosophy that the primary purpose of Jewish education is to develop within the students an appreciation of the unique history and values of the Jewish people.

Philosophy

In keeping with this philosophy, the school places emphasis on Jewish tradition, languages, history, culture and on developing in the child a positive identification with the Jewish people. A staff of professional teachers supplemented by a number of graduate assistants aims through dedicated efforts to create an atmosphere where learning is a joyous experience. In essence, ruach (spirit) is in large part a key element of the school.

Co-operative School

We are a co-operative school and thus need committed parental involvement to function. We have an active and talented Board of Directors and various sub-committees, most important of which is the Education Committee under the Chairmanship of Fran Pearl, which is continually working at improving and expanding the curricula.

At present we have 11 qualified teachers, a principal, Gerald Cammy; and a Vice-Principal, Norma Rothman (unpaid position). In addition, we have what we consider to be an essential part of our program. Four assistants, all graduates, who help the teachers in the lower grades. Our program includes a music specialist who instructs the teachers as to how music should be presented to the children throughout the year and also participates in major celebrations.

Curriculum

The curriculum of the school is under continual review by its principal, vice-principal and sub-committees. The curriculum has been developed in detail and is available from Fran Pearl, the chairman of the education committee.

We are the only school in the Ottawa area which offers Yiddish courses.

Parent Teacher Interviews

These are held formally twice a year although the principal and staff are available at all times for discussion. Informal contact is made at a Wine and Cheese party at the beginning of the academic year.

Remedial Classes

The system of remedial classes has been in effect since 1976. Students are taught on a one-to-one basis to help those who have

problems in particular areas of the curriculum. The Director of Education for the Canadian Jewish Congress was particularly impressed with this program. Our school is used as a model by the C.J.C. for certain aspects of the curriculum.

Bar Mitzvah/Bat Mitzvah

The OMJS arranges for the necessary instruction for Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Students attend regular classes of the school and receive Bar/Bat Mitzvah instructions from a qualified person outside class hours. Seven students had Bar Mitzvahs.

Budget and Allocations

The Vaad have established a Panel on Jewish Education working with the UJA as a special planning, budget and allocations committee. Len Heitin, President, and Anthony Cates, Treasurer, represent the school. B'nai B'rith Lodges also contribute to the school's special educational projects and funding is also received from the Multicultural Branch of Secretary of State.

Special Projects

I. Holocaust Programme

A special course on the Holocaust is given by Principal Gerry Cammy to grade seven students.

II. Graduation Class Field Trip

The second project is a trip to Montreal, where students visit places of Jewish interest. The Principal, Gerry Cammy, undertakes this task. His outstanding ability and enthusiasm always makes this trip a highlight for our graduates.

III. Chanukah, Purim, Pesach

On each occasion the school assembles to celebrate the particular holiday in the traditional manner. The Model Seder was a great success with many of the parents in attendance.

Community Activities

I. Yom Ha'Atzmauth

Our school continues to take part in community celebrations and activities. Yom Ha'Atzmauth celebrations were attended by many of our students who also contributed an abundance of artwork to the decorations.

II. Walkathon

The Walkathon is integrated into the school's program every year. A school plaque is presented to the grade with the highest percentage of participants in the Walkathon. The school was also honored by the Walkathon Committee for its participation.

Registration

Registration will take place on September 12 at the Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street.

Inquiries

Inquiries about the school are to be directed to registrar Catherine Green-Krotki (235-6331) or Bertha Leckie (235-0612).

Any parents or group of parents wishing to speak to the principal or set up an information evening in the summer months are encouraged to contact Professor Gerald Cammy, Principal, (829-1284).

Star of David Hebrew School

Norman Lomow, Chairman

The Star of David Hebrew School offers a traditional program of Hebrew knowledge and Jewish customs and ritual. The school's goal is that our children understand and treasure the uniqueness of their identity and that they have the background and knowledge that will enable them to conduct themselves and be comfortable as practising Jews in their adult years.

To this end, the curriculum emphasizes oral and written Hebrew from Kindergarten onwards. Familiarity with the daily prayers and services is achieved through constant usage of the Siddur. The festivals which are so much a part of our home and religious lives are appropriately taught and celebrated. Annual Chanukah, Purim and Passover programs are held as well as other services and programs for the children and their families.

The synagogue is presented as the focal point of religious life and is emphasized by the situation of the school in the Machzikei Hadas Synagogue at 2310 Virginia Drive. The school was established in 1976 to service the educational needs of families in the eastern and southern parts of Ottawa. 1982-83 classes will range from Kindergarten to grade VI. Grades I to VI are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and kindergarten on Sunday morning from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

The Star of David Hebrew School

prides itself on its concern for each child. Teachers work with individualized programs tailored to each child's strengths and weaknesses. As a co-operative school, parents participate fully in all aspects of its administration.

The Star of David offers Bar Mitzvah instruction to its pupils, as well as a remedial program. Our growing numbers attest to our success in making traditional Judaism relevant to the lives of our students.

Curriculum covered includes: Reading and Writing and Introduction to oral usage of the Hebrew Language; Laws and Customs — Holidays are emphasized with plays, stories, art work, singing, choral reading and outings when the occasion arises; Religious Studies — Chumash — History — Siddur; Siddur is used daily to better acquaint the children with the services of the synagogue; Chumash and History suitable to the level of their understanding — World Jewish History up to the present; Israel — the State, its institutions and Role in Jewish Life; Holocaust — at each class' level of understanding.

The school is funded through tuition fees, the United Jewish Appeal, B'nai B'rith, and the Multiculturalism Program. The Star of David Hebrew School has become an important entity in the Ottawa Jewish Community.

"Participation and Encouragement" is our Magic Formula.

Maimonides Hebrew Day School

Rabbi Mordecai Berger, Chairman

Ecole Maimonides is entering its fifth year of service to the Jewish community of Ottawa. Maimonides students receive a wholesome total education to make them knowledgeable young people who take pride in the principles of Judaism and Canadian traditions. Our students will have the benefit of acquiring fluency in French, English and Hebrew through our unique program of Jewish studies with early French immersion.

The curriculum for our general studies is guided by that of the Carleton Board of Education. Adding to this, the virtues of a sound Jewish studies program and personalized student-teacher relationships, our students develop a clear sense of self-identity and pride while acquiring a superior secular education.

This year's provincial achievement tests, administered in May 1982, saw many of our grade school students scoring in the top 95% of the province of Ontario, with our class averages in the top 30%. With the guidance of experienced, dedicated staff and a stimulating, nurturing environment, children develop skills and self-confidence within their peer groups.

This year Maimonides has offered a morning 3 yrs. old nursery, full day junior and senior

kindergarten and grade 1 and 2. In addition a grade 3 and (grade 4 depending on enrolment) will be offered for the 1982-83 school year.

Specialized enrichment programs have been offered in computers, music, art, pottery and gymnastics.

For those children with limited French or Hebrew background wishing to transfer into Maimonides, special accommodations are made.

Door to door bus transportation is available to most parts of the city. For further information regarding Maimonides, please contact Miriam Rode at 592-4655 or Rabbi M. Berger at 722-5029.





Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth

Dr. Baruch Diena, Chairman

The Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth plays a central role in the Jewish community through its supervision of kosher food production and preparation in key institutions and establishments in the Ottawa area. It also undertakes an important information campaign to provide the Jewish community with complete details on the observance of kashruth and the availability of kosher products and services.

During the past twelve months, the Vaad Hakashruth continued to provide kashruth supervision at United Kosher Meat and Deli. Mrs. Borenstein assumed the functions of mashgiach following the passing of her husband. At Rideau Bakery, bread and bread products produced at its Bank Street plant were under the Vaad's supervision and were kosher and pareve in addition to being taken nightly. Passover milk products produced by Sealtest were supervised.

The Vaad was also responsible for ensuring kashruth at Beth Shalom, Agudath Israel, Young Israel and Machzikei Hadas, at Hillel Lodge, the Jewish Community Centre, summer camps, at Jack Smith's Kosher Catering and Edelson's Catering, at important conventions such as the Hadassah Convention at the Skyline Hotel and the Canada-Israel Parliamentary Dinner at the Chateau Laurier and at Lapointe's Fish Market.

Swensen's Ice Cream Parlours in the Ottawa region received kashruth endorsement but have

since gone into receivership.

The Vaad also continued its publicity program of bringing a greater awareness of kashruth to the community through its regular Kosher Corner column in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and Review. Topics covered included kashruth at Rideau Bakery, United Kosher Meat and Deli, Passover foods, the cost of kosher meat, fraudulent practices in the marketplace, kosher ice creams and dairy products, kosher summer camps and other related issues.

Two noteworthy developments were the arrangements concluded with United Kosher Meat and Deli to eliminate shechita fees in return for an across-the-board reduction in meat prices of 10¢ per pound for beef and 5¢ per pound for poultry and the creation of a Price Monitoring Committee to ensure that kosher meat prices in Ottawa are being kept within reasonable bounds. It is intended to publish the results of the Committee's surveys in the Bulletin.

There are a number of projects that will require special attention for the future. These include re-instituting a community seminar on Passover preparations in co-operation with the Women's Committee of the Vaad Ha'ir and obtaining financing for the publication of a booklet containing many of the Kosher Corner articles which have appeared in the Bulletin to serve as a handy community reference guide.



Women's Federation

Lisa Cogan, Chairman

The Women's Federation has, as in previous years, endeavoured to assume a role in involving Jewish women in productive community work. One of its main functions has been to maintain liaison with all Jewish women's organizations in our community in order to strengthen our mutual bonds and resolve our mutual problems. It was with this end in mind that the Women's Federation attempted to maintain a rational and effective Community Calendar of social, educational and fund-raising community events.

Last year, under the able supervision of Zelaine Shinder, the Calendar format was revised so as to provide more complete information about coming events. I am pleased to report that the new system has greatly improved the functioning of

our Community Calendar this year. With the tightening up of procedures, the regular monitoring of calendar entries and the bi-weekly posting of coming events in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and Review, conflicts in time and dates have been minimized as much as possible.

We continued this year with our Neighbourhood Gatherings, under the leadership of Merida Sachs. These social get-togethers were aimed at increasing public awareness and understanding of the Ottawa Jewish Community, its organization, agencies and institutions.

It is my hope that the Women's Federation will continue to successfully fulfill its role as coordinator and "honest broker" in our community activities.

Shalom-Ottawa

Merida Sachs, Producer



The Shalom-Ottawa Committee started meeting in late November to plan our first program, to be taped on February 4, 1982 at Skyline Cablevision and broadcast the following week over both cablevision channels.

After much discussion, we decided that in order to provide continuity, especially in view of the fact that the show would only be produced once a month, we would have the same host and hostess for each show and we would have regular features; an interview, cooking segment, Ask the Rabbi and an Israel segment.

In January we held auditions for the position of host and hostess and all agreed that Dr. Jonathon Isserlin and Susan Finestone were the right people for the job.

Later that month, we spent a whole afternoon in Dave Smith's kitchen taping our cooking segments. These then had to be edited at Skyline, each five-minute segment taking from one to two hours of editing time.

We spent another two hours

editing the opening thirty seconds of the show and then we were ready to go.

Each month we are allocated a two-hour time during which we put together our half-hour show. Of course, many hours of planning go on before we go to the studio.

From February to June our features have included Soviet Jewry, Super Sunday, Holocaust, Women in Judaism and Jews and the Fine Arts. On our cooking segments, we have learned to make chicken soup, hamentashen, charoset, gefilte fish and blintzes.

Members of this hard-working Committee were Kitty Hoffman, Elena Lappin, Marion Silver, Ellen Besner, Dr. Jonathan Isserlin and Susan Finestone. Several new members have joined us — Cayla Baylin, Hope Dempsey, Sam Newman and Albert.

We will be spending the summer months planning the programs for the coming year as well as training committee members at Skyline Cablevision in some of the technical areas of production.



History and Archives

Hugo Levendel, Chairman

Shirley Berman, Executive Secretary

The past year was one of achievement for the Society, with many steps taken to re-organize and strengthen the group, including the writing of a constitution and a set of by-laws.

Early this year the Society was granted registration as a charitable organization. We hope this change of status will encourage private financial support of the organization.

An attractive logo designed by David Berman has given the society a distinctive sign by which it can easily be distinguished.

An important project initiated by Past President Sidney Green came to fruition early in the season. This was a photographic exhibition produced jointly with the City of Ottawa Archives which took place at City Hall.

The Society participated in the Jewish Students Union-Hillel "Unity Day" at Carleton and Ottawa universities, with a historical photographic exhibition. Another significant event occurred when the Society was asked to play host to the visiting delegates of the Jewish Historical Society of Canada, at the Learned Societies

Conference in early June. The Conference, which meets annually at different universities across Canada, provided a unique cultural experience for Ottawa Jewry.

The liaison established with the City of Ottawa Archives as a result of the exhibition was an important factor in placing the History and Archives Department of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council among other ethnic archives resource centres in the city.

An excellent two-day program was planned, which ended with an historical colloquium, at the Government Conference Centre, to mark the 150th Anniversary of the granting of equal rights to Jews by Lower Canada.

Many items of consequence were added to the Community Archives this year. Among these were two Yiddish Minute Books added to the Max Kaplan Collection and the creation of the Blanche Edelstein Collection.

We hope the community will add to the Ottawa Jewish community Collection in the coming year by contributing all items of an historical nature to the Society.



Agudath Israel Congregation

Jacie Levinson, President

It is with a great deal of pride that I report on the past year's activities of Agudath Israel Congregation. Our membership has grown from 560 families a year ago to 588 at present. Our Congregation has been blessed with the addition of Rabbi Arnold Fine as the spiritual head of our Congregation, together with his delightful family. Yossi Amor, our Torah reader for the past two years, has returned to Israel for the summer months and is being replaced by Alan Sakoloff, our new Hazzan Sheni, who will also look after Hashgacha in the Shul as well as the daily minyanim, etc.

Youth, being a very important facet of our shul, has been rejuvenated by the efforts of the youth committee under the chairmanship of Howard Lithwick and the addition of Yaffa and Jack Shinder as youth leaders for the 12-15 age groups. The goal of the youth committee, to provide continuous programming through the year, has been achieved. Highlights included a Shabbat dinner, Hanukah party, a Purim play (which was also presented at Hillel Lodge), in addition to having participation of the youth at Shabbat services, including one youth Aliyah every Shabbat, thus ensuring their presence and participation, as well as regular monthly programs for all age groups.

Adult education included two classes; a ladies' Bible discussion group on Tuesday mornings and a Mishna class on Wednesday evenings led by Rabbi Fine and a mini-course in Hebrew reading by Cantor Aptowitzer. The Adult Education Committee also sponsored a concert by Cantor David Bogley that was well attended by the community at large. Other ac-

tivities during the year included the delivery of flowers for Shavuot last May, and Shul's social event of the year the nearly new ball, held in June, honouring the donors and workers of the major fund-raiser for our Shul, the nearly new shop.

A number of Sunday breakfast club featured speakers from both within as well as outside our Congregation and one featured the Chasidic Musical Group. Other events included parties for Simchat Torah, Chanukah (at both the Shul and the Civic Hospital) and Purim.

We unfortunately had to stop regular services at the Civic Hospital temporarily until the chapel is completed in the new construction at the hospital.

The culmination of the spring season was the dinner honouring our Cantor, David Aptowitzer, on his 30th year with our Congregation. The dinner was attended by a sell-out crowd which also included many people outside of our Congregation. We apologize to the many who were unable to attend due to the limited amount of space available.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish a hearty mozel-tov to our congregants who have been honoured in the past year: Sol Max, "Man of the Year" for Ottawa Lodge, B'nai B'rith, Joe Lief, President of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir, Gerry Cammy, President of the Parliament Lodge B'nai B'rith; Len Potechin, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ottawa-Carleton Board of Trade; Cally Kardash, President of the Eastern Canadian Branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism; and Irma Solomon, who became a Vice-President of the same organization.

Adath Shalom Congregation

Irwin Brodo, President

Adath Shalom, is a young Conservative congregation proudly entering its fifth year. Our Shabbat Services are held in the library of the Greenbank Public School with the members leading the various sections of the service. Each week, congregants take turns in leading a researched D'var Torah which is then followed by spirited discussion.

This year, after much reading and debate, Adath Shalom joined many other Conservative synagogues in Canada and the U.S. in voting to count women in the Minyan. (Ever since our inauguration women have received Aliyot, and some have read from the Torah.) Women, therefore, now have an entirely equal status and role in the congregation and, in fact, are very active in every aspect of shul activity.

The highlight of our year was the official dedication of a new Sefer Torah, the congregation's first. Almost our entire congregation (babies included) showed up to have their names commemorated by having the final letters of the Torah carefully completed by Rabbi Samuel Prager.

Our High Holy Day Services were very special this year as they were led by a rabbinical student from the Jewish Theological Seminary of New York. Michael Siegel provided inspired leader-

ship and knowledge on the holidays as well as during three special Shabbaton weekends during the year. The program was so successful, the congregation plans to repeat it this coming year.

A special education event was an evening with Ottawa poet Seymour Mayne discussing Canadian Jewish poets and writers.

The financial needs of the shul were partially fulfilled by such projects as the selling of T-shirts at Arts Alive, the selling of holiday chocolates and New Year cards, and an Art Auction.

At Adath Shalom the personal simcha of a member often becomes a congregational event. The shul's first Bar Mitzvah was held last month with the entire congregation participating. With so many members still at the family-building stage, brits and namings are frequent and are also times of general rejoicing and participation.

Adath Shalom's membership is steadily growing. We welcome visitors to our services and are particularly delighted to have people (young or old) celebrate the anniversary of a Bar or Bat Mitzvah by reciting, once again, their Torah portion and the Haftarah. Supervision of young children and a short children's program is provided during most Shabbat services.

Congregation Beth Shalom

Daniel Kimmel, President

The Synagogue year of Beth Shalom has been a very active one, with much progress made in our Satellite Synagogue — Beth Shalom West, showing a considerable increase in our membership. A piece of land has been donated to us by the Aaron Family, and a Building Campaign will commence shortly with a view to a Synagogue in the West End being built. This is an area inhabited by many Jewish families; a great number of them are not affiliated to any Synagogue and have shown much interest in becoming members. An active Sisterhood has been installed, and Chavurah and Educational meetings have taken place under the direction of Rabbi Herring. These young families have shown an enthusiastic interest in everything. Recently an Associate Rabbi was appointed, Rev. Michael Orelowitz, and he will commence his duties at the end of the summer. As regards the Youth — a number of activities have taken place which have attracted youngsters in the west end and from the main Shul of Beth Shalom downtown.

Congregation Beth Shalom has persisted in its search for a Cantor and after hearing and seeing many new candidates throughout the year, is pleased to announce the engagement of Cantor Abraham Carmel from Israel. He will be here in readiness for the High Holy Days, and we look forward to a long and convivial relationship with him. He has spent a couple of weeks in Ottawa, and everyone who has been to Shul has enjoyed his cantorial rendition of the Sabbath and Shavuot Services.

The Memorial Tablet Dedication Program and Selichot Service which takes place prior to the High Holy Days has become a regular feature and attracts a considerable number of our Congregants.

Youth Sabbaths continue to be a regular feature in our yearly program, also Chevra Mishnayes Sabbath and the Hebrew Free Loan Sabbath are held annually. All these are usually followed by a Congregational Kiddush, which forms part of the Beth Shalom Social and Family gatherings, thus maintaining the friendly and congenial atmosphere of which we are so proud. Other special Sabbaths held during the year include Remembrance Day Sabbath to which the Ministers of the Armed Forces, Jewish Members of Parliament and also Chaplains from other religious denominations are invited.



We repeated our Soviet Jewry Sabbath and are pleased to announce that many of the Russian families have taken up Membership with us; thereby affiliating formally with the Jewish community. Also we have undertaken to adopt a family in Russia — Chayim and Shifra Kilov, presently living in Riga. Many of our congregants have written to the young couple and we in turn have heard from them. At the final Family Brunch of the season, June 6 we arranged to place a phone call directly through to them.

The Chanukah festivities and party was held at Beth Shalom West, and attracted a large turn-out of families with children. The Purim festivities were held at Beth Shalom, 151 Chapel Street, and this was a highly successful program with many young families who had recently joined our Satellite Synagogue.

During the winter several B'nei Akivah Youth Programs took place here and a party of our Youth had a great Shabbaton weekend in Montreal.

At last year's Annual General Meeting, awards were presented to many of our members who had achieved 50 years of continuous Synagogue membership; further awards were presented at this year's Annual General Meeting on June 13.

The Beth Shalom Sisterhood wound up the year with a 25th Anniversary Tea, which took place in the Social Hall of the Jewish Community Centre. This was both a successful fund-raising event and a highly acclaimed social event.

The last event that took place at Beth Shalom recently was the Twenty-Third Bat Torah Consecration Ceremony, when seven young ladies from throughout this community took place in the program prepared for them under the direction of Rabbi Herring and Mr. and Mrs. Y. Bouchris.



State of Israel Bonds

Morton Taller, General Chairman
Abe Klugsberg, City Manager



I am pleased to report to the Ottawa Jewish Community the results of our efforts on behalf of Israel through the sale of Israel Bonds. In the area serviced by the Ottawa office, sales of \$853,500 were completed representing close to 900 individual purchases. In all, during the year 1981, \$433 million in Bonds and other securities were sold world-wide by the Israel Bond Organization.

My wife Sally and I were pleased to host a Pace-Setter's reception at our home in July and delighted that at this initial function, commitments for the purchase of more than \$300,000 were received. This Pace-Setter's reception was preceded and followed by individual solicitations by the campaign committee.

Early in 1981, Israel announced plans to construct the Mediterranean-Dead Sea Canal at a cost of \$800 million, to link these two bodies of water and to provide hydro-electric power sufficient to meet 30% of Israel's needs, to provide irrigation for the Negev, and to revitalize the Dead Sea. The Israel Bond Organization was assigned responsibility to provide \$100 million "seed money" by enrolling Canal Founders making purchases of \$100,000 or more over and above their normal yearly purchases. I am pleased to report that this additional responsibility is near fulfillment.

The Annual Yom Kippur Appeal was preceded by advance solicitations in several of our Synagogues. On Yom Kippur day, following Yiskor Services, the Rabbis of our Synagogues made urgent appeals for loans to Israel through the purchase of Israel Bonds. The appeal of the Rabbis was implemented by the Board Chairmen of the Synagogues, who worked diligently to organize the appeal and to follow through by calling members who were absent from services or had not obtained a tab card. We are grateful to these several chairmen for helping us achieve better results in the Yom Kippur Appeal — Dr. Oskar Hofmann at Adath Shalom; Dr. Norman

Wolfish at Agudath Israel; Irving Rivers at Beth Shalom; Dr. André Engel at Machzikei Hadas; Rabbi Sanford Marcus at Temple Israel and Irving Wolfe at Young Israel.

I also wish to express my gratitude to my colleagues in the Bond Organization and to the many individuals in the community who gave of their time and effort to help in the sale of Israel Bonds, as well as to the staff of the Bond Office whose devotion to the Bond programme was a constant source of encouragement to our efforts.

The Israel Bond Organization has been the principal source of funds for the promotion of every phase of Israel's economic development, having provided over \$5.5 Billion since its inception. Israel Bond proceeds, which are earmarked exclusively for Israel's Development Budget, help to finance industrial and agricultural projects, the construction of highways and harbours, the expansion of communications and transport; the building of new towns, the exploitation of natural resources and the search for new sources of energy.

While the proceeds of the Israel Bond are working to develop Israel's economy, the Bond itself continues to be a viable and versatile financial instrument. It may be used to defray tourist expenses in Israel, it may be given as a donation to charitable organizations and may be given as a gift for any occasion.

The withdrawal from the Sinai on April 25 was a tremendous sacrifice for peace and a day which will live in Jewish history. We must match Israel's sacrifice by demonstrating our unity and solidarity with the people of Israel and give them the economic strength to weather the difficulties that lie ahead. Israel Bond proceeds are needed to finance the infrastructure for expanded growth in the Negev, which now is Israel's only remaining large area for development.

State of Israel Bonds Women's Division

Myrna Potechin, Chairman



During the year 1981, the Women's Division of State of Israel Bonds intensified its educational efforts to bring to the women of our community a deeper understanding of the importance of Israel Bonds to the strength of Israel and its economic development.

Many of the chapters of the Jewish Women's organizations in Ottawa arranged for Israel Bond speakers to appear at their meetings and to discuss the economy of Israel, the Mediterranean/Dead Sea Canal and the role of Israel Bonds in helping further economic self-sufficiency for Israel.

These discussions led not only to better understanding of the Israel economic scene and the Israel Bond programme, but resulted in increased purchases of Israel Bonds.

Individual solicitations and canvassing was carried on both before

and after the Yom Kippur Appeal, in which the Women's Division participated fully, both in number of purchases and the amount of commitment.

In conjunction with the Year of the Disabled, the Women's Division honoured Mrs. Pearl Torontow at a dessert luncheon at Agudath Israel Congregation. The afternoon was filled with emotion as Tillie Kardash read a poem she had written in tribute to Pearl Torontow and as the honoree responded with a passionate plea for support for Israel Bonds. Pearl's remarks sparked a spontaneous response of additional purchases of Israel Bonds by many members of the audience.

Although we reached many more women with our message during 1981, many more remain to yet be identified with the Israel Bond programme and with the responsibility of Diaspora Jewry for Israel's economic developments and strength.

Canada Israel Cultural Foundation

Sara Vered, Chairman

The Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation, Ottawa Branch, has enjoyed another active and successful season in its continuing mandate to expose the high quality of Israeli culture to Canadians. There are close to 300 members in Ottawa and it is gratifying to note that a large majority of them participated in all the activities of the branch this past season.

The year began with a gala art show in the elegant premises of the Bank of Canada. The largest collection of Israeli art ever presented for sale in Ottawa was displayed for two days in October and for the first time galleries in Montreal and Toronto were invited to exhibit as well. Chairman Gloria Hanf and her committee were pleased to see that the Bank of Canada printed a five-page article complete with pictures in its November Staff Magazine.

With the co-operation of the CBC Vidéotheque we presented two eloquent films on Itzhak Perlman and Ida Haendel early in November and also, under the chairmanship of Program Director A.C. Dolgin, were responsible for arranging a display of 30 posters on Israeli culture & Arts Alive in December. Special thanks are extended to Minister-Counsellor Itzhak Shelef of the Embassy of Israel for his co-operation in all our artistic ventures.

The Ottawa Branch was fortunate to handle tickets for the concerts of Nathan Milstein and Isaac Stern at the National Arts Centre. The latter event launched the festivities for the long-awaited visit of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in May. Louis Rasminsky hosted the dinner at the NAC on January 19 for patrons of the IPO Endowment Fund and it was an unforgettable evening, enhanced by the presence of Prime Minister Trudeau. Joan Comay spoke on the status of the arts in Israel in the early days and now, and it became evident that the IPO, while enjoying sold-out houses in Israel, must depend on its friends internationally for funding in order to continue touring abroad. The Endowment



Fund will ensure that this vital aspect of public relations for Israel will survive.

Socially, the Ottawa branch enjoyed two extremely successful evenings — a Chanukah Party at the home of Irving and Evelyn Greenberg and a Yom Ha'Atzmaut Happening at the home of Sara and Zeev Vered. On both occasions a program was presented with an Israeli theme. Mona Bernard sang Hebrew songs at the former and a film on Mordechai Ardon was shown at the latter party. The highly acclaimed film "From Mao to Mozart," with Isaac Stern, was also highlighted this year.

Our two ongoing programs which we support financially, Tzili Am, the music appreciation program in Israel for culturally deprived areas, and the Lawrence Freiman Scholarship Fund for talented students of the arts in Israel, continue to thrive. Since its establishment in 1978, 17 students of the arts have been supported by the Freiman Scholarships. This fund is administered by the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation and donations can be made to it on any occasion.

Membership in CICF may be obtained from Mrs. Neomi Summers, 523-1535.

Association for Enrichment of Jewish Heritage

Dr. Abraham Aberback, Chairman
Rabbi David Hayes, Camp Director

The Association for Enrichment of Jewish Heritage is a group of individuals dedicated to fostering and strengthening Yiddishkeit in the Ottawa community.

Founded by Rabbi Mordecai Berger, the Association concentrates a large part of its efforts on working with Jewish youth and has been serving Jewish students at Ashbury College for the past couple of years.

The operation of an afternoon school, provides students from public or Hillel schools the opportunity to attend classes twice a week to enhance their Jewish knowledge and commitment. This program is now completing its fifth year under the direction of Rabbi David Hayes.

From its humble beginning in 1977 as a two-hour a day summer

play group for twenty children, Camp Gan Israel developed into a full-fledged, popular day camp accommodating 200 children a year.

This is part of the Association's outreach program for Jewish youngsters in the community to have a meaningful experience in a fully traditional Jewish environment.

A weekly half-hour radio program, devoted to Jewish themes and music, called "Sunday Simcha" and hosted by Rabbi Berger, is another dimension of the Association's efforts to reach out to the Jewish Community in Ottawa. This is now in its fifth year of operation, and is heard every Sunday from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. on CKCU-FM (Radio Carleton).

Tuition fees and various fundraising projects provide the means to carry on the Association's work.



Temple Israel

Stephen Goldstein, President

Temple Israel, the Reform Congregation of Ottawa, in its sixteenth year has a membership of 250 families. Religious services, education at all age levels and social activities are provided in the tradition of Liberal Judaism under the spiritual guidance of Rabbi Sanford Marcus.

Regular religious services are held every Shabbat, Friday evening and Saturday, as well as a Wednesday morning minyan, and are varied in format to involve all congregation members. There is a monthly Shabbat dinner, the Religious School students participate in Saturday morning services, and, frequently, Adult Education programs will follow the Friday night Oneg. One program highlight was a series of lectures by Rabbi Marcus on great Jewish thinkers.

The Temple Israel Religious School has classes from Kindergarten through Confirmation, Grade 10. This year, in response to many requests, the Temple has initiated a nursery school class for 3-4 year-olds and its success has prompted us to open a second class for September 1982. The Religious School children, from the time they help in decorating the Sukkah to writing and leading their own creative services, are closely integrated into the spiritual life of the Temple. The school has also instituted an enrichment program in music and art, and the result, one of the year's high points, was a rousing production of "Fiddler on the Roof," presented in April.

The Temple has a vibrant Senior Youth Group known by its acronym as F.R.O.S.T.Y., affiliated with the

National Federation of Temple Youth. Our F.R.O.S.T.Y. members have been active on the local scene and one of its many projects was to co-sponsor a Tay-Sachs Screening Clinic held at the J.C.C. The group has travelled to the States to participate in conclaves, conventions and debates. This year, also, saw the growth of the Junior Youth Group for grades 7-9 with its own programs and leaders.

Sisterhood and Brotherhood continue to be mainstays of Temple strength. In April, Brotherhood sponsored its Second Annual Celebrity Auction, an evening of fun and profit for the Temple. Brotherhood dinner meetings are held monthly and provide good food and good programs for its members. Sisterhood climaxed a successful year with an installation dinner in May, featuring a workshop led by a member of the National Sisterhood Board. Sisterhood's semi-annual nearly-new sale is anticipated by the entire community, and the "Festival Tables" program has been a remarkable learning experience for our non-Jewish friends.

The Adult Education Committee sponsors a Sunday Morning Breakfast followed by a guest speaker and discussion. Lecturers included a former Knesset member, a labour negotiator and experts from the Temple. The Social Action Group presented a film and speaker on the plight of the Falasha Jews, and this outstanding program has fostered an active support corps.

Under the leadership of our new President, Elaine Singer, Temple Israel looks forward to another year of continued growth and commitment to Jewish life and values.

Temple Israel Sisterhood

Margo Rosen, President

This past year has been a busy one for Temple Israel Sisterhood as we continue to serve a vital role in the Temple community.

Sisterhood co-ordinates the Oneg Shabbats and Kiddushes following services, and provides special refreshments for the festivals. The flowers which adorn our sanctuary at Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Pesach are contributed by Sisterhood. This year, a special donation was made to the School for the purchase of supplementary materials such as books, mini courses, tape recordings, records and so on. This was in addition to our annual donation to support school festival observances.

Each Bar and Bat Mitzvah receives a personally engraved prayerbook on his or her special day, and a contribution is sent to Kibbutz Yehel in Israel, in honour of our Confirmation Class. Our Spring and Fall Nearly New Sales con-

tinue to surpass our expectations as fund raisers. Through these major efforts, we were able to contribute to the Building Fund this year.

Temple Israel Sisterhood is sponsoring the creation of a needlework Torah cover. The Chanukah Dinner Dance was enjoyed once again by over 160 congregants and their friends. Our Judaica Shop services the needs of Temple members with items for the home and gift items for family and friends.

On a community level, an Israeli bond is purchased by Sisterhood annually and we contribute to the city-wide Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebrations. In December, Sisterhood had a very popular booth at Arts Alive at the Jewish Community Centre.

Temple Israel Sisterhood has a membership of approximately 120. General meetings are held on the third (3rd) Tuesday of the month.

Young Israel of Ottawa

Issie Scarowsky, President



5742 (1981-82) has been a very active year for Young Israel of Ottawa members. The year began with a Special Slichot Service and Program. Young Israel members hail from many parts of the world; as such, several members reminisced about slichot in their native countries.

During the High Holiday period that followed, children were treated to a Special Sukkot program. Then came Young Israel's Annual Simchat Torah Event with Hakafot and singing and dancing in the street.

November saw a breakfast with Yitzhak Shalef, the Minister-Counsellor in the Israeli Embassy, who spoke about the changing situation in the Middle East. In December, Young Israel held a Family Shabbaton at which Rabbi David Shohet of Toronto gave two stimulating addresses.

The winter continued with a program jointly sponsored with the Community Relations Division of the Jewish Community Council featuring guest speaker Gavriel Strassman of the Ma'ariv newspaper in Israel. A large crowd was impressed by Mr. Strassman's thoughtful talk.

Purim brought Young Israel's Annual Purim Seudah with food, singing, dancing and costumes.

Prior to the holiday of Pesach, a special seminar reviewing the laws of kashrut was held and individuals were invited to kosher their pots and utensils in the shul.

In the month of May, Young Israel sponsored a special Lag B'Omer barbecue and parade, led by the Greater Ottawa Air Cadet's Marching Band. Well over 100 people marched down Dovercourt Avenue. At Shavuot, a dinner followed by all night learning was held. In June, families travelled to New York City to join others from all over North America in a learning and social environment. Later, a Shabbaton was held, with Professor Julien Bauer addressing the members on the Gush Enunim and on Arab propaganda.

Learning has always been a strong tradition at Young Israel and this year, continuing shiurim were again given in Torah, Talmud, Mishna, etc. Men and women participate fully in these classes.

In the summer, the Shul is planning a Summer Festival of Torah, featuring learning combined with social events such as boat cruises, days at cottages, barbecues, etc.

Young Israel is a warm and friendly shul. New members are always welcome and it goes without saying that the entire community is invited to share in any of Young Israel's programs.

Temple Israel Religious School

Linda Steingarten, Chairman

A new nursery school program has complemented Temple Israel Religious School during 1981-82. Our 150 children from nursery (age 3/4) to grade 10 attended school on Sunday mornings with Hebrew classes for grades 3-7 on Wednesdays.

A comprehensive curriculum provides instruction in Hebrew, and in Jewish history, religion and culture, with emphasis on the Liberal-Reform tradition. With Temple life an integral part of the students' education, each class participated in a Saturday morning service during the year.

Special events this year included a production of "Fiddler on the Roof" by grades 8-10 for the congregation, and a visit to New York City for the grade 10 Confirmation class. Other festive events includ-

ed special programs for Sukkot, Chanukah, and Purim. Again this year all the students attended a Model Seder.

The Temple school has been blessed in having dedicated teachers and volunteers to assist with administration and special activities. The school committee has helped guide policy while administration, management and curriculum development have been the responsibilities of vice-principal Ruth Marcus, and the principal Rabbi Sanford Marcus.

As a new fiscal year begins, we know that considerable effort will be expended, as in the past year, on studying the feasibility of a community high school, on developing a library and on ways to provide quality education while controlling costs.



National Council of Jewish Women Ottawa Section

Carol Kassie, President

Ottawa Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, has enjoyed an active and productive year. Once again we have tried to uphold the criteria stated in our national guidelines — a dedication "in the spirit of Judaism, to furthering human welfare in the Jewish and general communities... through an integrated programme of education, service and social action."

Our season got off to a spectacular start with our annual opening luncheon in honour of our paid up members. This year we held a "Fantasy Fashion Show" at the National Arts Centre. In these elegant surroundings couturier Richard Robinson's sumptuous designs elicited many oohs and aahs!

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada funds one major project in Israel — the Israel Family Counselling Association in Tel Aviv. Ottawa Section's Israeli Brunch has, over the past years, served to provide funds for this special project, as well as to give members (and non-members) a chance to sample the delicacies that emerge from many Council kitchens! This year was no exception — and under the inspired chairmanship of Nancy Gosewich, the Israeli Brunch was once again a highlight in our year.

We tried this year to select program topics that would appeal to a large portion of our membership — and meetings this season have touched on everything from "Decorating Ideas" to "Adult Stress", from "World Jewry" to "Playreading for Mental Health" performed by Council's own playreading group.

Our Study Branch, guided by Ellen Fathi tackled many current issues especially related to women of the '80's. Discussions on the Constitution, Women and Medication, Breast Cancer, Women in Israel and Women in the Third World were just some of the matters covered by this concerned and dynamic group.

Our Gourmet Club has also remained active throughout the year.

Although N.C.J.W. is not a fund-raising organization, we must

generate enough monies for our projects, disbursements and operating costs — and for the past 25 years we have done so with our annual Art Exhibition and Sale. This year's chairman, Ellen Wright and her incredible committee threw a 25th Anniversary party that will long be remembered. Council's Art Show must serve a dual purpose — to showcase Canadian Art and to support Council projects. This year's show at the National Conference Centre was no exception.

Ottawa Section continues to service the Perley Hospital, the Civic Hospital Canteen and Citizenship Court. We also provided funding for and co-sponsored two youth oriented programmes with the Jewish Community Centre — A Teen Leadership Skills Development Seminar and a Teen Summit. We continue to fund programs for the Jewish elderly through the Golden Age Club. And of course we held our Golden Age picnic last July at the Rideauview Golf Club.

This year Ottawa Section undertook to fund (on an ongoing basis) the Jewish Social Services Agency's Kosher Meals on Wheels program. We have also supported the Boys and Girls Club and maintain our scholarship commitments to University of Ottawa, Carleton University and Algonquin College.

This year's Art Show Raffle monies were directed to Alternative Learning Styles and Outlooks — an organization dedicated to teaching illiterate adults to read. (The Ottawa area has approximately 23,000 known cases). At this year's closing luncheon on June 8, we presented a cheque for \$1,000 to A.L.S.O.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of N.C.J.W., Ottawa Section, the Board and the Executive for their support and guidance through the 1981-82 season. It is through the support of our members, and indeed the total Ottawa Jewish Community that N.C.J.W. can continue to function as a viable organization, and to maintain our commitments in Israel, in the Jewish and general communities.

Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO

Lillian Gertsman, President



Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO is one of fifteen Council cities in Canadian Hadassah-WIZO which is one of fifty federations in fifty countries forming World WIZO. Our aim is to promote the educational, medical and social welfare of all women and children in Israel — Jewish, Christian and Moslem. We are non-political. We keep up with world affairs, help promote understanding between different thinking groups and study topics that affect us as Canadian Jewish women.

We have just formed a new chapter and therefore have fifteen chapters — at least five chapters have fifty years of active service. We have a membership of over six hundred.

Our Youth Aliyah Campaign was launched at a Wine and Cheese party held at the National Arts Centre. There were Members of Parliament as our guests and our Guest Speaker was Tamar Shamash, Vice-Consul from Israel in Montreal.

Our Bazaar this past year was bigger and better than ever. There were many innovations and it was our privilege to honour the International Year of the Disabled.

Ten days after the Bazaar, the

National Convention for Canadian Hadassah-WIZO was held at the Skyline Hotel. This mammoth venture was chaired by Stella Toronto, and after months of planning and sheer hard work by all concerned, it proved to be one of the best Conventions ever. We were delighted that Tami Berezin was elected National General Secretary and Stella Toronto, Honorary Vice President.

This past January, Carol Weiner, Council Vice-President was one of seven young women under forty chosen from across Canada to attend the Aviv Seminar in Israel. Her report at the National Executive Meeting in Toronto was outstanding.

Our Medical Services Luncheon was held this year at the Machzikei Hadas Synagogue and every seat was taken. The program was delightful — Maureen McTeer was our Guest Speaker and Mona Kelly, wife of Maestro Mario Bernardi sang for us. A very good time was had by all.

Ottawa was well represented at the National Public Affairs Seminar this month which was held in Washington.

Our Annual Meeting was held on Monday, May 31.

Ottawa Women's ORT

Gail Leibovitch, President



On behalf of Ottawa Women's ORT, I would like to thank everyone for their continuing support of our programmes.

We have had another fabulous year and have been successful in all our endeavours. This report highlights our accomplishments.

Our membership numbers are continuing to grow as we welcome new women to our organization. We have five active chapters plus a study group to suit the needs and interests of all ages and lifestyles.

We are extremely proud of our fund-raising accomplishments as we have once again surpassed our expectations for dollars raised. Our major Regional and Chapter fund-raisers for the past season were: publication of a Calendar Yearbook; participation in Metres for Millions Walkathon; Chanukah Latke Lunch; Christmas Gift Wrapping; Balloonograms; Wickerware Party and Raffle; Phantom Teas; and Garage and Nearly New Sales.

Ottawa Women's ORT opened on a very gay note this year with a

Champagne Reception featuring Dean Tower, noted family counsellor and CFRA talk show host. Mr. Tower spoke on "In-Laws and Adult-to-Adult Family Relationships". The evening was well attended and enjoyed by all.

By the time you read this, ORT will have held its Closing Reception, honouring 19 year-old Shamira Reuben, ORT India Student and 18 year-old Eduardo Milrud, ORT Argentina Student. Lewis Perinbam, Vice-President, Special Programmes Branch, CIDA, was the keynote speaker at this reception, held on Monday, May 24 at the Embassy West Hotel. Mayor Marion Dewar brought greetings from the City of Ottawa and Women's Canadian ORT's National President, Ruth Druxerman, was in attendance.

In closing, I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to the members of Ottawa Women's ORT who worked so hard to make this year a success.

Labour Zionist Council

Harry Goldstein, Chairman

On behalf of the Labour Zionist Council of Ottawa, I wish to submit my report on our activities for the past year.

Our Annual Ottawa Histadrut Campaign was conducted under the capable chairmanship of Josef Lebovic and his hard-working committee. All monies raised were dedicated to Camp Gesher and Israel.

We are grateful to the Ottawa Jewish Community for generously supporting our successful appeal.

We published our 32nd Annual Jewish Telephone Directory. Our dedicated and hard-working Pioneer Women, under the chairmanship of Claire Bercovitch, have done an outstanding job in publishing the 1982 Telephone Directory. This reference book is well-received in our community and is used extensively.

The Dror-Habonim Youth Group has expanded tremendously under the leadership of Gadi Banner. To date, they boast over 100 members. The Labour Zionist Council pledges its full support of this Youth Group.

The Labour Zionist Council has undertaken to supervise Camp Gesher and make contributions to improve and enlarge the facilities of this camp. We invite Ottawa Jewry to visit Camp Gesher on Highway 41 off Kaladar.

The Labour Zionist Council holds meetings with representation from the Histadrut League, Pioneer Women Na'Amat and Dror-Habonim Youth Group.

Our Council is instrumental in activating groups in our community endeavours such as the Holocaust Memorial, United Jewish Appeal, Bonds and J.N.F. Negev Dinner.





B'nai B'rith Parliament Lodge

Morris Presser, President



In 1982, a milestone was reached in the young existence of Parliament Lodge. On April 3, 1982, a gala Installation Dinner, Dance and Awards Night was held to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Parliament Lodge. In 1957, 100 charter members announced the formation of Parliament Lodge and since then it has grown to a record 260 members.

Throughout these 25 years and in particular this year, the lodge and members have been recognized and honoured by B'nai B'rith Canada, the City of Ottawa and the Jewish Community for Programs, Fund-Raising, Community Volunteer Services, etc.

This year, our members continued to comfort the aged, the blind, the handicapped and the infirm. Our lodge was an integral part of the Canadian Summer Special Olympics sponsoring the team from Prince Edward Island through a memorable "5 days in July." As well, this year, Parliament Lodge received awards for raising the most amount of money for the walkathon and donating the most blood and once again, was the moving force behind the Bowlathon.

Our Annual Millionaire's Night was both a financial and social success, as a sellout crowd was on hand. Moreover, as a consequence, B'nai B'rith Canada, the Jewish Community, the State of Israel, as well as a significant number of charitable institutions have benefited from our fund-raising. We have actively promoted and given financial assistance to

J.S.U.-Hillel, B.B.Y.O., the Jewish Social Services Agency, the League for Human Rights, U.J.A., the J.C.C., Hillel Lodge, Camp B'nai B'rith and other local and B'nai B'rith charities.

Our Sports Programs included Golf and Baseball Tournaments, our bowling league, the first Annual Fun Day at Camp B'nai B'rith and a football night with stars of the Ottawa Rough Riders.

Our monthly meetings included programs that were varied, informative and entertaining. We had a C.P.R. demonstration, the Jack Smith Roast and a Las Vegas Casino Night and a B.B.O. Guest speakers included Al Waxman (the King of Kensington, honorary chairman membership B'nai B'rith Canada) talk show host Dean Tower (C.F.R.A.), Uriel Savir (Israel Embassy) and Lawrence Greenspon (lawyer and solicitor).

The Lodge takes particular pride in having established a Fund in the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation in celebration of its 25th Anniversary. It bears the name of the "Past Presidents" and pays tribute to their leadership and service. A plaque bearing an appropriate inscription was presented at the Annual Installation Dinner and 25th Anniversary Banquet on April 3.

In conclusion, as President of Parliament Lodge, I am proud to report that each and every member of Parliament Lodge B'nai B'rith can be proud of our achievements, awards and recognition as an organization of

"People Helping People"



Free Loan Association Officers 1981-82

Ottawa Hebrew Free Loan Association

William Grossman, President

We are in our 49th year of operation. To date, we have granted 2,418 loans. We have been of particular benefit to so many recent Russian arrivals who came to Canada with very little worldly goods.

Money is loaned in sums up to \$1,000. to applicants, without charge of interest or expense of any kind.

The Officers of our organization at present are: Honorary President: Solomon Zelikovitz; Immediate Past President: Thomas Sachs; President: William Grossman; Vice-Presidents: Hy Gould and Joseph Zelikovitz; Treasurer: Reuben Kalin; Executive Secretary: Charlotte Stack; Honorary Solicitor: Joseph Lieff, O.C.; Honorary Accountant: I.L. Landau, C.A.

Executive Committee: David Zelikovitz, Benjamin Feinstein, Laz

Greenberg; Directors: Irving Lithwick, Mrs. Myer N. Drazin, Mrs. Leon Petegorsky, Rabbi Mordecai Y. Berger, Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka, Rabbi Basil F. Herring, Rabbi Sanford T. Marcus; Israel Co-Chairmen: Solomon Zelikovitz, William Grossman; Vice-Chairmen: Isaac Levine, Mischa Zbar; Secretary: Esta Friedman.

Our branches in Israel are very active and continue to render valuable service to hundreds of needy Israelis especially since the influx of Russian Jewry. The personnel in charge are extending valuable service to our Organization.

I also wish to point out that Wills and Bequests have been of valuable assistance to us and increase our aid to those in need. So, please remember the Hebrew Free Loan in your Will.

B'nai B'rith Bytown Lodge

Dr. A Sydney Marko, President



The executive and members of Bytown Lodge can look back on the past year with a feeling of pride and accomplishment.

Our monthly meetings featured presentations on many and varied topics. These ranged from "Constitutional change to permit prosecution of Nazi War Criminals" through "The Rights of the Handicapped," "An Analysis of Anti-Semitism," "The Budget and Tax Planning," "Confrontation Games — highlighting racial, religious and sexual prejudice," to "The Rideau Centre Project and The Mass Transitways," by Alderman Brian Bourne.

Our membership increased by over 15% to around 70 members. This was largely a result of a well attended membership breakfast in January. The Lodge received an informative and entertaining talk from David Wineberg of "The Automobile Protection Association."

The Community and Volunteer Services Committee continued to organize bi-monthly bingo and/or musical evenings at Hillel Lodge. In June, we arranged a two hour, 30 mile car rally as an appetizer for the "Big Brothers/Big Sisters" Annual Picnic. We obtained the prizes and later awarded them to the winning competitors.

We organized two fund-raising events. In September, our first "Monte Carlo Casino Nite" was held at "The Nepean Sportsplex." A small profit was made but the experience will enable this event to become our major fund-raiser.

In May, we held a garage sale in conjunction with "Block Parents." The weather was kind, and the crowds flocked in to provide us with sufficient funds so that we could honour our commitments to "The Mother and Child Care Centre" in Israel, Camp B'nai B'rith, "The Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebrations of the Ottawa Jewish Community," "The Jewish Students Union" and other B'nai B'rith charities.

Our members who serve on the local "League for Human Rights" committee prepared a brief to the Ottawa Board of Education. This document provided guidelines for the teaching of religion in the public school system and is to be used as a model for similar presentation to other school boards.

A sports group meets at weekly intervals to play floor hockey and there is a full social programme. Bytown Lodge is eagerly looking forward to the coming year when we will face new challenges with confidence under the capable guidance of our new President, Mr. Brian Pearl.

Camp B'nai B'rith

Leon Bronstein, Chairman



Camp B'nai B'rith has come a long way in 35 years, from a few tents to a complex consisting of 34 bunk houses, special program rooms, a twenty-bed infirmary complete with doctor and nurse, a large fully equipped gymnasium, olympic size swimming pool, a new modern kitchen serving strictly kosher meals, a mess hall capable of feeding 500 people at one time, a recreation hall, a canteen, a fully equipped arts and crafts centre, fully lighted paved tennis courts, a very complete waterfront facility which includes sailing, waterskiing, canoeing, tripping, horseback riding, and a laundry that operates 5 days a week.

More impressive is the camp staff of 150 which includes a Director, Head Counsellor, Program Director, Waterfront Head, C.I.T., Co-ordinator, various specialists, unit heads, cabin counsellors, groundsman, kitchen staff, medical staff and a mashgiach.

Camp B'nai B'rith of Ottawa has completed another successful season. Our 700 campers enjoyed themselves in a camping experience which combined fun and learning. A positive camp atmosphere and high sense of spirit continued to make Camp B'nai B'rith one of the best camps for

Jewish Youth.

Camp B'nai B'rith is a camp with excellent facilities. The prime objective of the camp is the combining of learning and enjoyment for the campers within a judaic communal life experience. The basic philosophy is one of participation in all camp programs permitting them to have a truly varied program.

Camp B'nai B'rith continues to serve the Ottawa Jewish Community. Although many campers are from other locations, priority is given to residents of the Ottawa area. In addition, scholarships are available to those in the Ottawa area who are in need.

The Board of Directors of Camp B'nai B'rith come from the Ottawa Lodges and Chapters of B'nai B'rith. The members of our board, assisted by our medical, legal and architectural consultants and the Camp Director and Financial Secretary, work throughout the year to make our camp the excellent camp it is. As Chairman of the Camp Board I should like to take this opportunity to thank these dedicated people, as well as our other supporters in the Ottawa Community, for their support during the past year.

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